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(Contact number 96461-17605)

Tender Enquiry No. 345/GHP/SEC&V/S&T/OM/Eng-59 Dated : 21.09.2023

SE/O&M, Control & Instrumentation Circle, Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant, Lehra Mahabait, Bathinda (Pb), invites E-tender of providing and running of 07 No.32 seated mini buses for students from GHIP colony to various schools at Bathinda/Rampura Phul and for marketing facilities to Bathinda/Rampura Phul on a hire/contract carry basis.

For detailed NIT and tender specification, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 22.09.2023 at 14:00 PM onwards.

Note: Any corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar,
Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id: crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Phone: 0435-2432322. Fax: 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Tender-cum-Auction Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.44,53,095/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Fifty Three Thousand and Ninety Five only)** as on 25-09-2023 together with further interest to be charged from 26-09-2023 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) M/s. Afsar Mango Mandi, APMC Yard, BM Road, Channappanna, Ramnagar, Karnataka - 562160. No.2) Mr. Mohamed Afsar Hammed, S/o. Mohamed Yousuf, No.1380, Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channappanna, Ramnagar - 562160. No.3) Mr. Mohammed Yousuf, S/o. Umar Saheb, No.164, 2nd Cross, Near Al Ameen School Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channappanna, Ramnagar - 562160. No.4) Mrs. Chand Banu, W/o. Mohammed Yousuf, No.164, 2nd Cross Near Al Ameen School Jeevanpur Mohalla, Channappanna, Ramnagar - 562160. No.5) M/s. Sahara Hotel, No.363, Miyana Saheb Complex, Channappanna, Karnataka - 562160.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Mohamed Afsar Hammed,
S/o. Mohamed Yousuf & Mrs. Chand Banu, W/o. Mohammed Yousuf)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Vacant Land to an extent of 4,400 sq.ft. Property bearing Old Kaneshumari No.58/365/1 & 60/365/3, West New Keshumari, No.58/365/1&3, Property No.152900103101600685, Measuring : East to West 32.5 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters Located at Kothanahalli Village, belonging to Vandarguppe Gram Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channappanna, Ramnagar Taluk, Ramnagar District. Boundaries : East by : Remaining 4th Item Property in same Number, West by : Lalagatta Road, North by : Property of Ayub Pasha, South by : Remaining 3rd Item Property in same Number.

Reserve Price : Rs.57,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
08-11-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Sutanpat Branch, B.M.Road, 316, 1 Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramnagar, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramnagar Branch, B.M.Road, 316, 1 Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramnagar, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No. 080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there-is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and others), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-09-2023 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com

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Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. B.M. Somshaker, S/o. Munirathnam)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Immovable Property being a Vacant Site bearing Corporation Khatha No.426/715/B, 540/2/31/2, No.826/715/A/540/131/1 and No.32/715/540/31, the Khatha of composite Schedule - A Property is amalgamated vide BBMP Khatha No.715/540/31/1/31/2, situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately, 16,300 Sq.ft. and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring : East to West : A to H- 89 feet, B to C- 25 feet, D to E- 72.7 feet, F to G- 39 feet, North to South: A to B- 92 feet, C to D- 92.11 feet, E to F- 110.10 feet, G to H- 77 feet and bounded as follows: East by : Road leading to Sahabawathi River (Private Property shown as ABCJ in the Sketch), West by : Road and (Private Property shown as HGFJ in the Sketch), North by : Road, South by : Road.

Schedule - B

316.35 Sq.ft. of undivided Share right, title and interest in the Schedule - A Property hereby conveyed by the vendors to the Purchaser.

Schedule - C

Flat No.B-002 in Ground Floor in Block-B of the building known as RT Twilight constructed on the Schedule - A Property, having a super built up Area of 1,086.74 sq.ft, having RCC Roofing, vitrified Tiles Floor, Sal Wood Doors and Aluminium Windows and Separate Electricity, Common Water and Sanitation including Common Area rights and One Car Parking Slot in Still Floor and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and bounded on East by: Flat No.B-003, West by : Set Back Area, North by : Set Back Area, South by : Flat No.B-001.

Reserve Price : Rs.60,00,000/-
(Rupees Sixty Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS	
Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
09-11-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Sutanpat Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. Telephone No.080-22870326, Cell No.9342874656.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Sutanpat Branch, No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-22870326, Cell No.9342874656. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there-is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 27-09-2023 Authorised Officer

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is the General Public notice that, my clients 1.DVN Infra Developers Pvt Ltd, office at No.7-13, TF-1303, Raintree Boulevard Apartments, Byatarayanapura, Bellary Road, Bangalore-92, rep by Authorised Signatory Sri D.V.Naidu S/o. D.Govindappa and 2.Reyansh Developers, office at No.6-82-12, Sreessila Nagar, Ananthapur, Andrapradesh-5015004, rep by Managing Partner Smt. Gudiputi Amrutha W/o. Sri.Gudiputi Chandrashekar, are intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Mr.A.M.Nisar Syed S/o. Late. Syed Khundmir, represented by his GPA Holder M/s.Ennarveeky Ventures Private Limited, Represented by its authorized signatory Mr. Deepak M.S, having office at No.8, 3rd floor, 3rd main Road, Opposite Rajajinagara IT Park, KSSIDC, Rajajinagara Industrial Estate Bangalore-560010, who represents to be the absolute owner in possession and enjoyment of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.37, measuring 3 acres 2 guntas (out of 4 acre 14 guntas excluding 3 guntas Karab), vide Official Memorandum bearing No.AL.N.SR.169/2004-05, dated 21.01.2005, situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which is referred to schedule property, free from all encumbrances. Any person's objecting for the said sale or asserting any claim, right, title, interest in the above mentioned property or any part thereof, any manner, may put forth his/her claim/s in writing to the notary signed, within Ten days from the date of publication of this Notice along with documentary proofs, after which period my clients, shall proceed accordingly. Note that, is no claims or objection are received intine, then my clients shall proceed with the execution of the sale Agreement on the basis that there are no subsisting claim or right over the schedule property come whomever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.37, measuring 3 acres 2 guntas (out of 4 acre 14 guntas excluding 3 guntas Karab), vide Official Memorandum bearing No.AL.N.SR.169/2004-05, dated 21.01.2005, situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East By: Sy.No.36 (Property of Govindappa and Vajrapura) West By: Sy.No.38 (Property of Chinnsamappa) North By: Road and Remaining portion of Survey No.37 South By: Lake Bed

NATARAJA Bsc.LLB., ADVOCATE & LEGAL CONSULTANT
No.23, 1st Floor, Sonnegowda Complex, Kodigehalli Main Road, Bangalore-560092. (M) 945874124, Email: natarajakothanoor@gmail.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
3rd Floor, Building No. 11/90, Near Old Shivaji Theater,
J. C. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002
Tel : 25943663, 25943664, e-mail: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For immovable property)

A/C. No.: HLA/64114065340/64114065373/715

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated 14-01-2022 calling upon the borrower- Shri. G.Lokesh S/o Late Gooligowda, Thagachagere Village-562 160, Kasaba Hobli, Channappanna Taluk, Ramnagar District. Also at: Kaneshumari No.517/142/3, Thagachagere Village-562 160, Kasaba Hobli, Channappanna Taluk, Ramnagar District. Guarantor: Sri.Sunil Kumar S/o Late Siddarama, Residing at 302, Mahalaxmi Layout Church Road, Channappanna to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.10,66,847/-** (Rupees ten lakh sixty six thousand eight hundred forty seven only) as on 03-07-2023 + interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 27.09.2023.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs.10,66,769/-** (Rupees ten lakh eighty eight thousand seven hundred sixty nine only) as on 07-09-2023 + interest & other expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of Sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE "C"

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.517/142/3 measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 60 feet, situated at Thagachagere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channappanna Taluk, Ramnagar District standing in the name of Sri.G. Lokesh S/o Late Gooligowda. Bounded by: East : Site of Kantharaj, West : Site of Gowamma, North : Remaining portion of the applicant, South : Road.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 27.09.2023
Sd/-Authorised Officer,
State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014. Ph: 446-2851 5267

Branch: No. 775/A, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya 9th 'A' Main Road, 1st Stage Indiranagar, (Off 100 Feet Road), Bangalore - 560038"

SALE NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Sundaram Home Finance Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Section 13(2), issued a demand notice dated 24/12/2012 calling upon the Borrower and Co-Borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower and Co-Borrowers having failed to repay the amount within the statutory period, the Authorised Officer in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act in accordance with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had taken the possession of the property described herein below.

Public are hereby informed that the property more fully described in the table hereunder will be sold under Rule 8 & 9 of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" CONDITION, without any recourse basis by inviting sealed Bids from the public up to 16.00 hrs on 19/10/2023. Those who want to participate in the auction sale can forward their bids by RPAD/Hand Delivery along with KYC Documents addressed to the "Authorised officer", Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., No. 23, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034 in sealed covers superscribed as Offer for Sale of Assets A/C. Mr. PRASANNA H A, to the undersigned on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 19/10/2023. Bids received after 16.00 Hrs. on 19/10/2023 and thereafter will be rejected. The sealed Bids received by RPAD/Hand Delivery up to 16.00 Hrs. will be opened on 19/10/2023 at 16.30 hrs. at the place of auction mentioned hereunder. The successful bidder has to pay the balance amount within 15 days from the date of receipt of Sale confirmation. The sale shall be completed only on deposit of the Balance amount as stated above.

Name and Address of the Borrower & Co-Borrower	Secured Debt (Rs.)	Reserve Price fixed for the auction of the Secured Schedule Property	Place for Title Verification
Mr. PRASANNA H A (Borrower), No 36, South End Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.	Rs. 4,14,33,083/- (Rupees Four Crores Fourteen Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand and Eighty Three Only) as on 29.09.2023 Including Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal Expenses + Incidental Charges.	Rs. 1,20,00,00/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs Only)	Sundaram Home Finance Limited, No. 8, Ground Floor, "Sai Prabhu" B-Street, Sirur Park, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.
Mr. PRASANNA H A (Property), No 23/585, Sree Durga Nilaya, Defence Enclave Phase II, Behind Maniyappa Tech Park, Mariyannapalya, Bangalore - 560094.		Earnest Money Deposit 25% of the Bid Amount	Place for Opening of Bid M/s. Sundaram Home Finance Limited, 23, Cathedral Garden Road, 2nd Floor, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034
Mrs. Padmavathi B (Co-Borrower), No 36, South End Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020.			Date of opening the Bid 19/10/2023 at 16:30 Hrs
Mrs. Padmavathi B (Employer), Agricultural Marketing Department, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560011.			

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Site No. 23 House List Katha No. 585, Converted land in Survey No. 41/2A, Conversion No. BD/SLNSR(SA)/198-99, Dated: 26-10-1998 issued by the special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore, situated at Rachenahalli Village, measuring East to West: 40 Feet, and North to South: 60 Feet measuring in all 2400 Square Feet, Bounded on: East by: Site Nos. 21 & 22, West by: Site Nos. 24 & 25, North by: site Nos. 20 & 26 and South by: Road. Which is more fully & particularly described in the said deed.

Note: The Intending Purchasers are requested to verify the Title documents, inspect the property, and participate in the Auction after satisfying about the Title, Nature and condition of the property. The intending purchasers need to note that this Sale Notice is issued by the Company with the knowledge of few Third-Party attachments, subsequent to the mortgage. Refund will not be given after Sale Confirmation, in case if there arises any dispute regarding the Title or Nature of the property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale of Property of Mr. PRASANNA H A Loan Account No. 80007745, please refer to www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/files/sale_notice/80007745.pdf

Contact Person: Mr. Kuttappa S M - 97415 50450

Date: 29-09-2023

for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,
AUTHORISED OFFICER

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, A/C Bose Road, Kolkata 700020
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Nilendu Guha/ Ripa Guha/ C/16/3 Patuli Ghosh Para, 1st Floor Panchsagar, Patuli Baisnighata 24 Prgs(s) Near Netaji Subhas West Bengal Calcutta- 700094/ LBCAL0001402429	Fiat No 3a, 3rd Floor, (North, East West Side) Mouza- Behala, J.L, No.2, R.S. No.83, Plot No.115, Part of Khatian No.131, Presently Known And Numbered As Municipal Premises No.72, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Holding No.115, Pannashree Pally, Police Station Behala, Ward No.131, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal Admeasuring an area of About 814 Square Feet Super Built Up Area More or Less Together With Undivided and Proportionate Share of Land	June 27, 2023 Rs. 675,780/-	10-Apr-2023

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : September 29, 2023
Place : Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

Manager Union bank of India (erstwhile Corporation Bank) R.P.C. Layout Branch, was in the custody of the original documents i.e. sale deed executed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in favour of Bhidu. N. W/o Narashimamurthy N.C. This Sale deed is Registered as Document No. BDA-01388-2015-16, recorded in CD No BDA-211dated: 12.06.2015 in the office of the Additional Dist-Registrar, B.D.A. Bengaluru mortgaged by the Smt Bhidu N W/o Narashimamurthy N.C. along with other documents the said Mortgage deed is Registered as Document No. KEN-1-00109-2017-18, recorded in CD NKEN-070 dated: 08.04.2017 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru.

In spite of best efforts of my client, the last page of the sale deed Document No. BDA-01388-2015-16, recorded in CD No BDA-211dated: 12.06.2015 in the office of the Additional Dist-Registrar, B.D.A. Bengaluru, remain untraced and in this regard, if anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession of the same, please hand over the same to my client or to my office within 7 days, failing which, it will be presumed that the said document has been irrevocably lost or destroyed.

SCHEDULE

Residential apartment bearing no.81-604 in the sixth floor of 81-Block in the 2 bed room apartment building Property containing 2 bedrooms living room cum kitchen with two toilets and Balcony and utility having a super built up area of 74.06 Square. Along with the undivided share of 6,162 / 154 Sq meter i.e. 40.01 Sq meters in the land. Constructed on 6,162 Sq meter of land carved out of Sy Nos.95/1, 107/1, 107/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 108/1 and 108/2 of Valagerahalli Village. Jnanabharathi Layout, Valagerahalli 3rd Stage, Bangalore used for the construction of 154-1 2 BHK Flat (Sahyadri block) land bounded as follows:

East by: 80 feet wide Road West by: Road and residential apartment of 4th stage consisting of 2 BHK Flat North by: 60 feet wide Road South by: Road and residential apartment of 4th stage consisting of 2BHK Flat

G.R Ananthaswamy Advocate
Chandra Building, Avenue Road
Bangalore-560002

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, Telephone House Building,
Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
O. A. No. 1345/ 2022.

Between: Canara Bank , Avenue Road Branch, Bengaluru-560 002 ...Applicant And
M/s. Ram Marketing and Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.29,16,428-00 (Rupees Twenty-nine Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand)**, together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on 28/11/2023 at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this 04th day of July, 2023.

By order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bengaluru

To: 1.M/s. RAM MARKETING, Reptd. by its Proprietor, Sri. G. Chitra Ram Chowdhary, S/o Sri Lakshaj, No. 49, Cubbonpet Main Road, BANGALURU - 560 002.
2.Mr. ASLAMAR CHOWDARY Aged about 56 years, S/o. Sri Lakshaj No. 29, Anjaneya Temple Street, Cubbonpet, BANGALURU - 560 002

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
Civil Engineering Department
Tuticorin-628 004.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

NIT No: E(C)-56/ 6/2023 -EST-D.2821 Dated: 27.09.2023

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority Tuticorin is a Major Port under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Government of India is one of the best run Ports in the Country with excellent infrastructure such as Internal roads, Warehouses, Transit sheds, Open storage space, Truck parking facility, Power & Water Supply etc.,

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Pre-bid Meeting	11.10.2023 at 16:00 hrs through video conference.
Last Date & Time of submission of Tender online	31.10. 2023 at 15:00 Hrs.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRM NO: 329/2020
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INDIANS REPRESENT OVER 10% OF U.S. VISA APPLICANTS

The U.S. mission in India on Thursday said it has processed one million non-immigrant visa applications this year

65%

Representation of
Indians among
H&L applicants

Last year
over

1.2 mn
Indians
visited the US

20%

more visas are
processed in
India
surpassing
pre-pandemic
levels

U.S. AMBASSADOR ERIC GARCETTI HANDED OVER THE ONE-MILLIONTH VISA TO A COUPLE WHO WILL BE VISITING THE U.S. TO ATTEND THEIR SON'S GRADUATION

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IN ANDAMAN SEA

Two scientists from the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, and their team have discovered an active submarine volcano (crater seamount) in the Andaman Sea, which has been at the epicentre of the seismic zone since it was first observed in 2007 | P12

EXPRESS READ

Punjab MLA held, Cong accuses AAP of vendetta

Chandigarh: Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira was arrested here on Thursday in connection with a 2015 drug trafficking case, triggering accusations of political vendetta by his party against the ruling AAP in the state | P11

Housing sales up 36% in Jul-Sep in top 7 cities

New Delhi: Housing sales rose 36% year-on-year to a record 1,20,280 units across seven major cities during the July-September period on robust demand amid stable mortgage rate, according to real estate consultant Anarock | P15

Mob tries to attack Manipur CM's house

Imphal: A mob tried to attack Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh's vacant ancestral house on Thursday night, despite a security clampdown and curfew in the Imphal valley, officials said. Security forces, however, foiled the attempt by firing in the air and dispersing the mob.

● WAS A STATESMAN WHO WORKED FOR WELFARE OF FARMERS ● GOVT MISSED CHANCE OF CONFERRING THE BHARAT RATNA ● FUNERAL ON SATURDAY WITH POLICE HONOURS

SOWED INDIAN GREEN REVOLUTION



M S SWAMINATHAN

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If agriculture goes wrong nothing else will go right. That's why @AgriGoI should make farmers' wellbeing centre of all programmes & policies

- M S SWAMINATHAN IN A 2017 TWEET (NOW X)

In the realm of agriculture, the passing of a visionary figure is a poignant moment for our nation. On Thursday, we bid farewell to a true luminary, Dr M S Swaminathan, a man whose name became synonymous with progress, innovation, and the pursuit towards food security. The legacy of this remarkable individual, who devoted his entire life to the betterment of India's agricultural landscape, will resonate through generations. His funeral will be held in Chennai on Saturday with police honours. He was 98.

His contributions to make the country self-sufficient in food grains, by introducing and breeding dwarf wheat varieties, had led to enhance production from 50 million tonnes in 1950 to now 330 million tonnes. From a net importer, India has become a major food exporter.

In addition to his ground breaking work, he played a pivotal role in shaping the future of agricultural research and development in India. Dr Swaminathan was instrumental in the creation of the All India Agricultural Research Service, which facilitated collaborative research among scientists from all corners of the nation. This networking of scientific minds laid the foundation for innovative solutions in agriculture, fostering a sense of unity among researchers dedicated to improving our agricultural landscape.

His commitment to bridging the gap between scientific discoveries and practical implementation led to the inception of the lab-to-land programme. This visionary initiative sought to transfer agricultural technologies directly to farmers, ensuring that the benefits of re-

search reached those toiling in our fields. It was a testament to his dedication to the welfare of India's farming community. Throughout his career, he achieved what some might consider almost impossible.

Dr Swaminathan's influence and leadership extended beyond India's borders. As Director General of the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines from 1982 to 1988, he guided the institute to significant strides in rice research, benefitting the rice-growing regions worldwide. His unwavering passion for India's progress

was both contagious and inspiring. He possessed the rare ability to transform scientific knowledge into practical solutions, bringing hope and sustenance to those who toiled in our fields.

The awards and accolades he received bear witness to his exceptional contributions. The nation honoured him with the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan. Dr Swaminathan was not merely a scientist; he was a statesman who tirelessly advocated for the welfare of our farming community. As chairman of the Farmers Commission, he recommended paying farmers MSP, i.e. the cost of cultivation (C2) +50% of C2.

In closing, it is with a heavy heart that I reflect the wish of entire agricultural scientific community on the missed opportunity by India's decision-makers to have awarded him our highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna.

In Dr Swaminathan, India has lost a great son of the soil. His achievements will continue inspiring the young generation to strive for yet better future for Indian agriculture. P11



Tight security for today's K'taka bandh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka bandh called by various Kannada organisations on Friday against releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu is likely to affect normal life in the Cauvery basin districts. The bandh, however, may have little impact on other districts of the State. The police have beefed up security across the State.

Schools and colleges will remain closed in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts.

The bandh call may evoke a good response in the State capital as various organisations have expressed their support to it. The private transport sector has extended its moral support. This may result in non-availability of cabs and autorickshaws. BMTC and Metro will operate their services as usual. Shops, hotels and other commercial establishments are likely to remain closed as trade unions have supported the bandh call.

Bengaluru City Police have clamped prohibitory orders in the city for 24 hours starting from Thursday midnight. Police Commissioner B Dayananda said processions and rallies will not be allowed in the city. CONTINUED ON: P6

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WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST THOSE ENFORCING BANDH, WARNS TOP COP

Security arrangements in place; Protest only inside Freedom Park; Section 144 imposed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

TO maintain law and order during the Friday's state-wide bandh called by 'Kannada Okkuta' in protest against the release of Cauvery water to the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu, section 144 has been imposed from 12 am on Friday till 12 am on Saturday.

The bandh will be in effect for 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm on Friday. Similar to the recent city bandh, city police commissioner B Dayananda has denied permission for the Friday's bandh in the city. The security arrangements of 60 KSRP platoons, 2 RAF companies, and 40 CAR platoons that were deployed on Tuesday, will continue to be in place on Friday as well. The top cop has warned stern action against anybody involved in forceful bandh.

Speaking to reporters, the commissioner said that no permission has been given for Friday's bandh. "Those who want to protest can only protest inside the Freedom Park. It is illegal to protest anywhere in the city. Stringent action will be taken against those indulging in forceful bandh and only voluntary participation is allowed. More than five people cannot gather around at one place. Organisers will be held responsible for any kind of untoward incident and damage to public properties during the bandh," he added.

Deployment of police personnel has been made at all sensitive areas. Along with striking forces, the entire city police with personnel from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Internal Security Division (ISD) and home guards will be deployed during the bandh.

"All the previous incidents that have happened during these types of protests have been taken into consideration. Notices have also been served to the organisations participating in the bandh about the denial of permission. More deployment has been made at sensitive pockets. Depending upon the situation, those who have a history of involvement in untoward incidents will be taken under preventive custody," the commissioner said.

Traders' associations have announced that they will be extending their support for the bandh. M R Nandees, President of Karnataka Malls Association said, "Members of 64 malls who are a part of the association across the state, took a collective decision to close down operations on Friday in support of the bandh." All 124 shops in Brigade Road and 474 shops in Russell Market will also remain shut on Friday. KR Market and Commercial Street will extend moral support.



Kannada activists led by Vatal Nagaraj take out a rally urging people to take part in the bandh | VINOD KUMAR 7

SIDDHARTH'S MOVIE PROMOTIONS INTERRUPTED

Bengaluru: The Cauvery water crisis has had a significant impact on actor-producer Siddharth, who was in Bengaluru for the promotion of his multilingual film, Chithha, which was released in Kannada as Chikku on September 28. Members of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, barged in and halted a press conference held by Siddharth. The activists questioned the timing of the event, and urged Siddharth to show support for the Cauvery protest.

K'taka Tamil associations extend their support

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Tamil Association's Federation has extended their support to the state-wide bandh, where pro-kannada organisations will be protesting the release of Cauvery water to the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu. President of the Federation S Francis, said a communication has been sent to Tamil speaking population residing in Karnataka to extend their support and participate in the bandh.

"In Bengaluru alone, there are over 15 lakh Tamil speaking population, and everyone is aware of the Cauvery water issue. The Tamilians here know the ground reality, and hence will support the bandh," said

Francis. Joining Francis, founder president of Tamil Kannada Harmony and Welfare Trust, N Ramachandran said, "Unlike in the past, in 1991 and 2014, when anti-social elements took advantage of the protest and targeted Tamilians, people are more mature now, and will not resort to violence."

Welcoming the support extended by the Tamil Associations and Tamil-speaking residents of Karnataka, Praveen said that the Tamilians here are also dependent on the Cauvery water, and their support for the bandh, will send a strong message to the TN government, and help them see that there is not much water in dams of Karnataka, stated Shetty.

TIGHT SECURITY AT AIRPORT, RAILWAY AND METRO STATIONS

Security agencies across different public transportation modes are going all out to ensure passengers are not impacted due to the bandh. A top railway official said that Railway Protection Force and the Government Railway Police have been posted at sensitive stations like KSR Bengaluru, Mandya, Ramanagara and Channarayana railway stations. Metro stations are also preparing for the bandh. A senior CISF official at Kempegowda International Airport said, "We are going all out to ensure no situation arises at the airport. The local state police will be assisting us. Extremely tight security cordon will be in place, right from 3 am on Friday."

Rethink on Balabrooie, property hunt for Constitution Club resumes

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THERE appears to be a change of plan on setting up the Constitution Club in the historic Balabrooie guesthouse. The battle between legislators and civil society over Balabrooie is likely to end with the latter claiming victory, at least in this round.

While legislators could push for the earlier plan, the government is likely to announce a change in location shortly. It may be recalled that civil society groups had opposed the plan to set up the club in Balabrooie.

The issue came up after an activist advocate sent a legal notice to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Chief Secretary Vandana Sharma, asking how such a valuable asset can be given to a society consisting of legislators.

Civil society members had earlier agitated, saying it is a heritage site. Others had asked



how legislators can be allowed to play cards or have a drink in a hallowed location where national heroes like Rabinath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru had stayed. Citizens had suggested that the ministerial quarters beside the Seven Ministers' Quarters, which were not occupied, could be used as a club.

The government is seriously rethinking its plan, and considering a parcel of land where a spacious facility can be built. Some have suggested they it could look at Chitrakala Parishad, which has a few acres in the heart of the city, considering the entire facility is sought to be shifted to a large

er campus in Kengeri, off Mysuru Road, which has good Metro connectivity.

Sources said during a meeting, minister H K Patil and Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti had opposed the idea of setting up the club at Balabrooie, saying it is a place where national heroes have stayed. It needs to be respected, and cannot be used for casual purposes like a club, they said. There is also a practical reason: trees cannot be cut on the Balabrooie property, nor can any changes be made to the heritage structure.

Sources said MLAs and MLCs had planned to create a society to manage the club at Balabrooie, which has about three acres of land worth about Rs 800 crore. Besides Gandhi, Nehru and Tagore, many other VVIPs had stayed here in the past 100-plus years. It was also the last known residence of the legendary CM Devaraj Urs.



ISKCON Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple inaugurated in Kumaraswamy Layout on Thursday



HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj



HH Banu Swami Maharaj

ISKCON SRI SRI RADHA KRISHNA TEMPLE INAUGURATED

Bengaluru: HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaj and HH Banu Swami Maharaj, Governing Body Commission of Iskcon, participated in the grand opening of the Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple on Thursday. The temple is located at 3rd main road, Samvruddi Enclave, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout. Followed by the opening was Sri Sri Radha Krishna Pratishtha Homa, Netronmilan, Vandayanam and Shayanadivasa. On Friday, the Iskcon Cultural Centre, under the aegis of which the temple was opened, will have a Nyasadi Homa (7am to 8 am), Maha Abhishekam (9 am to 11 am) and Bhoga & Shringara Arati (1.15 pm to 2.15 pm). Governor of Karnataka, Thawar Chand Gehlot, is scheduled to visit the temple on October 1.

Prophet's biography to promote unity

ENS@Bengaluru

NANNA Arivna Parvadi, a book that promotes inter-faith peace and equality, was launched in the city by former Karnataka chief secretary Chiranjeevi Singh.

Yogesh Master's book is an unconventional biography of Prophet Mohammed, and aims to promote tolerance among the masses. It emphasizes the importance of co-existence and harmony in society, which will resonate with people. During the event, Singh said the book's primary purpose is to promote a deep understanding of the teachings of various prophets and universal message of unity that transcends religions. The event was organized by Shanti Prakashna Mangalore, in collaboration with Seerat-ul-Nabi.

EXPRESS READ

Metro line partially closed for inspection

Bengaluru: BMRL had earlier announced closure of services between Kengeri and Mysuru Road stations for the safety inspection, between Kengeri to Challaghatta Metro stations by the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety, Southern Circle. Now services between KR Pura and Garudacharpalya will also be shut on Friday for the same safety inspection. Train services will be operational between Garudacharpalya and Whitefield. There will be no change to the train services on the Green Line.

Delivery man, customer both stuck in ORR jam, but order delivered on time

TISHA ATAL @ Bengaluru

A video of a design manager who was stuck in a massive traffic jam on Outer Ring Road (ORR) on Wednesday ordering pizza and receiving his pizza order in half-an-hour has stormed the internet on Thursday.

However, the food delivery partner who was on his bike, was also stuck in the traffic jam. But was able to finish the task in 30-35 minutes with the help of another delivery partner who picked the pizza from

the store and walked over one km. After which the delivery partners served the pizza in the heavy traffic by tracking the live-location of the customer.

On Wednesday night, the ORR was jam-packed with lakhs of vehicles stuck for hours together in bumper-to-bumper traffic. While many commuters vented their ire against the government apathy in resolving the traffic issue, Rishi Vaths M S (32), who works as Senior Design Manager with Shopsy, was travelling in a car

with four of friends, decided to order pizza as they were hungry.

At the click of the button, the pizza was ordered at 6.20 pm when their vehicle was behind Embassy Tech Village. The traffic kept moving at a snail's pace as the pizza was getting cooked.

Delivery agent, Nilay Nama (22), who joined the job just 18 days back was assigned with the task to deliver the pizza within the stipulated time frame.

Sharing how the drama unfolded, he said, Nama told



Delivery agent Nilay Nama

folded, he said, Nama told TNIE: "I was near New Horizon College which was 2.5 km away from the customer's location and 1 km away from the

Domino's store at Sesina Business Park in Embassy Tech Square (where the pizza was ordered). I called up the manager and informed him that I am stuck in a jam and will be unable to make it to the store. The manager helped me and sent another delivery partner come with the pizza to my location, by walk. Then both of us on my bike, made our way through the cars, to the customer," Nama narrated.

He called up the customer and asked him to share his live location. "Since the traffic was

moving slowly, I waded through the traffic on the bike and reached the customer within 30-35 minutes" Nama said.

He proudly said despite the rains and the traffic jam, he was able to deliver the food and complete his task and added that it was only possible as he sees the customer as the King.

Vaths who was stuck in the car for over 2.5 hours received their order at around 6.50 pm behind Embassy Tech Village. Vaths said that in all this half-an-hour, his car had moved just few metres from the location.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29th September: I was in discussion with some of world's leading astrophysicists recently. They are very excited by something very strange. Ten years ago we thought we knew ninety-nine percent of everything there is to know about the universe. Astonishingly, the figures have been reversed and now ninety-six percent of the cosmos is a complete mystery!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Although financial schemes may seem to stagnate, today's stars are relatively lively and the end of the week brings a steadily increasing pace. Friends and partners may put demands on your time, and everyone will benefit from a touch of your distinctive humour.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your business and financial activities, whether real or potential, are becoming ever more complex. Busy times lie ahead and routine chores will therefore mount up. Social introductions should be interesting, and you may fall under someone's spell.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Romantic affairs still figure strongly in your calculations, although today's influences in this respect may catch you by surprise. Unfortunately, partners who envy your success may be a fault-finding mood. You may have to play the martyr, just to placate them!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Partners who are in an argumentative mood will be out of step today. If anyone in your vicinity is upset then be quick to cheer them up, settling disputes and freeing the way for everyone to move on to more constructive avenues. Once you are sure of your next step, please seek support from partners.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Professional issues are brought into focus by a series of planets aligned with your tenth and sixth solar houses, especially if you are in the habit of overworking and tiring yourself out. Take it easy if you want to make the most of positive and daring romantic trends.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

There is no doubt that the Sun's relationship with Venus and Jupiter in suitably ambitious sectors of your solar chart creates brilliant and idealistic possibilities today. It is up to you to set the pace and turn events to your own unique advantage.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

There will indeed be some pressure to make positive career changes, but you'll be able to rely on powerful planetary influences to push you in the right direction. Status may be more important than money rewards, yet that doesn't mean that cash concerns should be overlooked.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

As a Scorpio you are by nature deeply motivated by your beliefs. Partners will be impressed if you share your profound insights and ideas, and keep them up to date with your plans for the future. The weekend's arguments could focus on money - and who owes whom what!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Even though it may be out of character, plotting ways to earn more money has become one of your favourite activities, even if your ideas seldom move beyond the planning stage. If you're spending cash today, gadgets to help with a healthier lifestyle could be a good buy.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

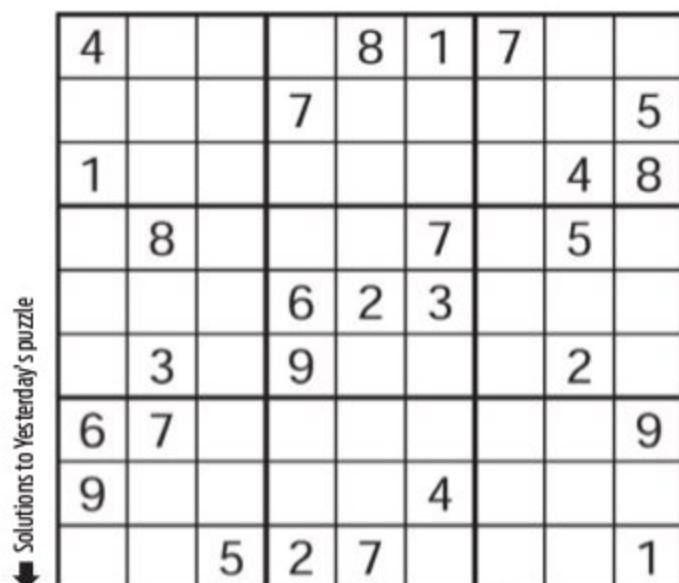
Even if you're in a secretivemood today, as long as the Moon is aligned with romantic and creative sectors, social and romantic opportunities abound and your illaapreciate and discontinue and loving behaviour from partners. Take the lead and show how generous you can be now that you're so much more experienced.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Mercury's relationship with the foundation that changes in the home may require more thought, although you'll probably be impatient with anybody who stands in your way. It would be a shame if arguments over who does what spoiled your weekend - so don't let them!

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

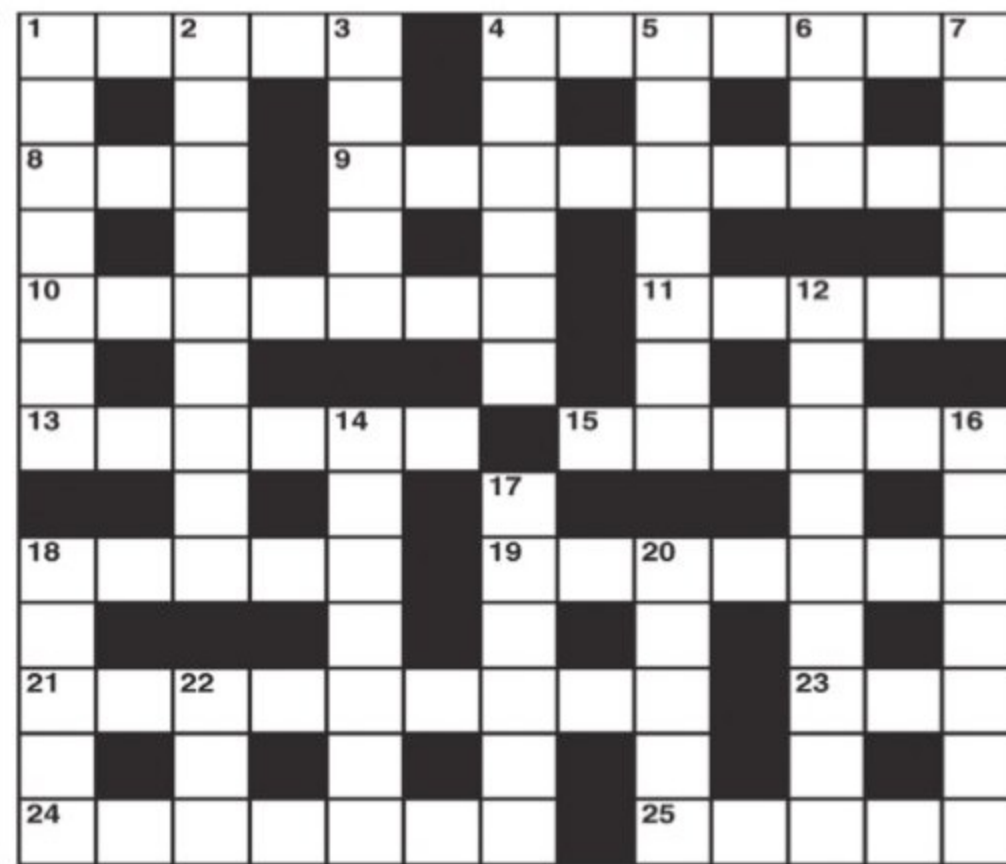
Short trips could make for an enjoyable day and you will be tempted by diversions and distractions. The time for improvements to your home environment is still with you, so press on regardless. In love, give partners the first choice, and do your best to fulfil their wishes.



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ACROSS

- Transport a road vehicle by railway (5)
- No answer (7)
- Surrounded by Roman figures (3)
- Lady dives into trouble deliberately (9)
- It could confuse men in a whole continent (7)
- Imprisoned dog to suffer (5)
- Careless delay about the start of day can be fatal (6)
- His bank account is often misleading (6)
- Italian city return for Greek (5)
- Attractive sketch (7)
- Its failed participants may well be out of pocket (9)
- Copies out of the newspaper (3)
- Binds books (7)
- The feweryou have the lessyou want (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Spotlights, 8 Canal, 9 Stained, 11 Access, 12 Escrow, 13 Adam and Eve, 14 Chancellor, 15 Preview, 16 Escape, 17 Oculist, 22 Abuse, 23 Now and then.

DOWN

- Order the ambitious officer hopes to get (7)
- Turned and twisted overmuch (9)
- Times when rays may be seen around the East (5)
- Great celebration about a show (6)
- Make way? (7)
- Depressing piece of misadventure (3)
- A better type of cake (5)
- Pay attention to work (9)
- Seeking to taste defeat (7)
- Go back the right way out (7)
- Thinks a great deal of modern day raw materials (6)
- Walk carelessly from blame (5)
- The offence of one coming to light (5)
- Few record (3)

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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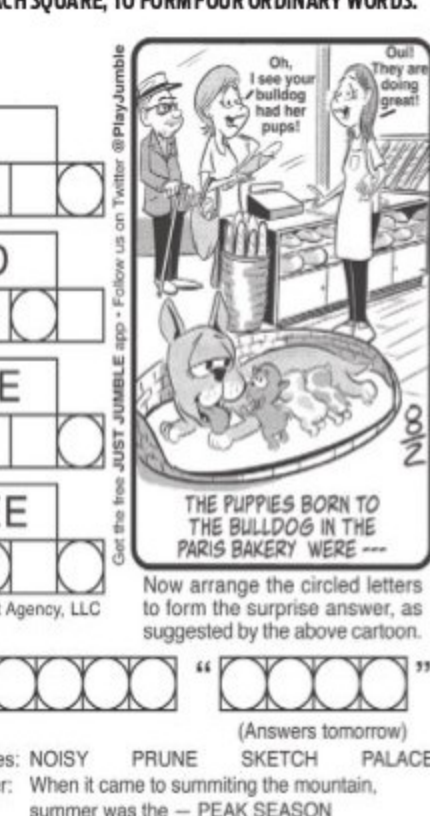
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Ans. here:

Yesterday's



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow)

Madhya Pradesh ▶ Marching Towards Green Revolution

MP Prepares To Have Major Share in India’s Export of Millets

Considering high potential of millets production in Madhya Pradesh and export prospects, Millet value chain development project is coming up in Mandla.

The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has given it a top priority in the International Year of Millet. Mandla is the hub of production of the Kodo and Kutki Millet which has also been identified as the One District One Product (ODOP) under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme.

The value chain development project will be a unique convergence of MP State Government, Centre, Nabard. ‘One District One Product-Farmer Producer Organizations, district administration, agricultural universities, Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering and private players.

The project will see some major interventions which include adoption of good practices such as the use of quality seeds and soil enrichment measures, promotion of farm mechanisation through custom hiring cen-

tres for farm machinery, setting up of millet processing units, supporting marketing and branding initiatives, and training and capacity building on production, processing, and value-added products.

Madhya Pradesh has topped the list of Bajra producing states with a yield of 2533 kg per hectare while in Jowar it is the second highest with 1941 kg per hectare. The Jowar acreage has increased to 98 thousand hectares in 2002-23 from 75 thousand hectares in 2002 while acreage of small millets – Kodo-Kutki has gone up to 1.5 lakh hectares from 82 thousand hectares in 2002.

Madhya Pradesh is striving to revive the glory of ‘Miracle Millets’. Millets like jowar, bajra, kodo-kutki, etc. are known to have multiple health benefits and are resilient to climate change. They require less water compared to wheat and rice.

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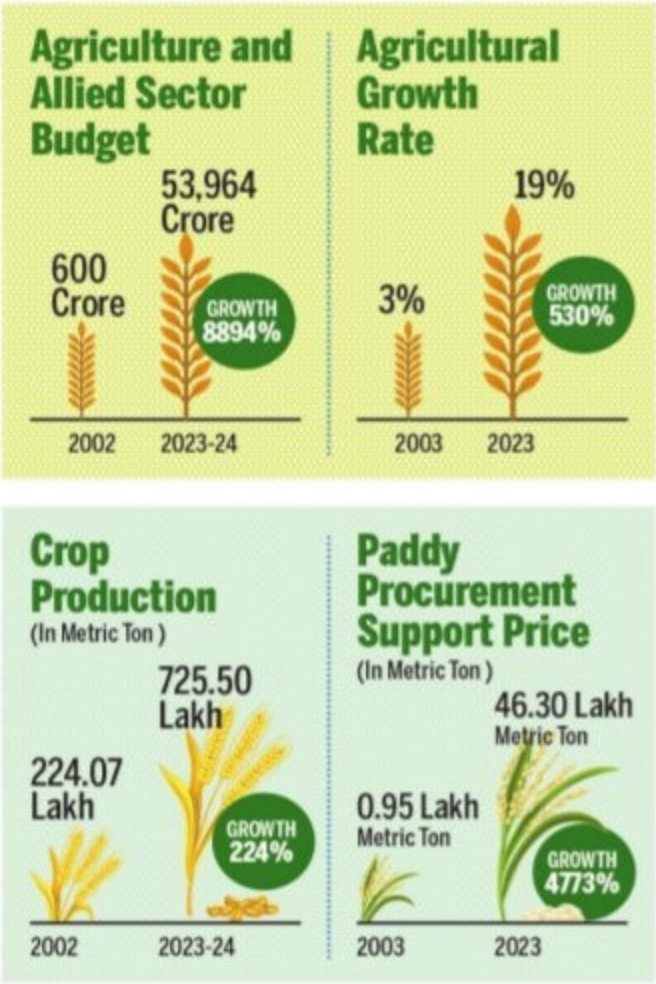
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eral initiatives to promote the cultivation of millets are being taken up. The government has also launched various schemes and programs to encourage the cultivation of kodo kutki like MP State Millet Mission in 2020 and Mukhya Mantri Kodo-Kutki Kheti Sahayta Yojana, which provides financial assistance to farmers for the purchase of seeds and other inputs.



70.61 lakh farmers get Rs. 26 thousand 94 crore 02 lakh - A Great Relief

RS. 1 LAKH 49 THOUSAND 300 CRORE INTEREST-FREE CROP LOANS IN 3 CRORE CASES

As many as 70.61 lakh farmers have received Rs. 26 thousand 94 crore 02 lakh under Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi and Chief Minister Kisan Kalyan Yojana.



The Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana became operative from 2018. So far, a total of 18,395 crore 20 lakh has been transferred to the accounts of 88.14 lakh farmers. As many as 70.61 lakh farmers have benefited from the 13th instalment of the scheme. The Chief Minister Kisan Kalyan Yojana launched in 2020, every farmer receives a total of Rs. 6,000 per year. So far, a total of 7,699 crore 40 lakh has been transferred to 88.14 lakh farmers. In the year 2022-23, a provision of Rs. 3,200 crore has been made for 70.61 lakh farmers.

Relief on Crop Loss

Taking ultra-care of farmers, Madhya Pradesh is a leading state which has given unprecedented relief to farmers for their crop loss. Under the Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana, claims amounting to

Rs. 27,626 crore 66 lakh has been paid to farmers. On 50 percent or more loss of crop, a relief amount of Rs. 32,000 per hectare is provided considering the loss as 100 percent. Loan recovery from affected farmers due to excessive rainfall, hailstorms is stopped. They are offered zero percent interest rate on bank loans. A budgetary provision of Rs. 2,500 crore has been made to cover interest payment for defaulting farmers.

Madhya Pradesh is the first state to have provided interest-free short-term agricultural loans to farmers. The interest rate was 16% in 2002-03. Since 2012-13, through primary agricultural credit societies, short-term crop loans up to Rs. 3.00 lakh have been made available to farmers at a zero percent interest rate.

For this purpose, in 2020-21, the state government under the 10 percent base rate, provided a 5



I respect farmers as global citizens. All my initiatives are dedicated to making their lives happy and comfortable. We have always helped them in hard times. Our mission, 'Profitable Farming,' has gained pace. We are with them every moment.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan
CM, Madhya Pradesh

percent interest subsidy to all farmers and the central government provided a 5 percent interest subsidy. In 2021-22, 18.05 lakh farmers benefited during the Kharif season, and 14.35 lakh farmers during the Rabi season. So far, 1 lakh 49 thousand 300 crore short term crop loans have been provided in 3 crore cases.

Mp sets an example in cattle care: milk production soars

Madhya Pradesh's robust cattle care initiatives and innovative dairy programmes have positioned it as a national leader. Indore is witnessing a dairy industry upswing with a cutting edge powder plant nearing completion.



In a state where the dairy industry has become a cornerstone of its agricultural landscape, Madhya Pradesh has set a notable example in cattle care, sustainable production and progressive policies, ushering in a promising era for both dairy farmers and consumers alike.

Indore is poised to witness a significant boost in its dairy industry as the final stages of construction for a state-of-the-art dairy powder plant near completion. With a robust capacity of 30 mt per day, the plant is set to elevate the region's dairy sector. Simultaneously, the madhya pradesh cooperative dairy federation (mpcdf) is making substantial strides by investing rs. 8 crore in the establishment of a cutting-edge laboratory dedicated to testing the quality of milk and dairy products.

Madhya pradesh has undergone a remarkable transformation in animal husbandry, generating positive ripples throughout the dairy sector. In 2021-22, per capita milk availability reached an impressive 616 grams daily, surpassing the national average of 591 grams. Milk production soared to 19,024 tons, securing 8.60% of national production and a commendable third rank.

Expanding Milk Processing units

The state responds to growing demands with new milk processing units. Capacities include 40,000 litres in sendhwa, 25,000 litres in khandwa and 1,00,000 litres each in Rewa and sagar, along-

side 20,000 liters in shivpuri, bolstering processing capabilities. Empowering farmers, the chief minister's dairy plus programme offers substantial subsidies, scheduled caste/tribe receive 75%, general/ obo 50%, aiding buffalo acquisition. A remarkable 90% subsidy supports milk-producing animals, benefiting backward castes, saharia, and bharia tribal communities.

Cattle welfare is a priority for the mp government. A cow sanctuary in susner and nanaji desh-mukh veterinary science university have been set up to guide the cattle. Owners. 312 vet care units, 406 mobile vet units are giving a boost to cattle care. Bundelkhand dairy cooperatives uplift dairy farmers, tailored to evolving demands. Madhya pradesh pioneers indigenous breed conservation, inaugurating the national kamdhenu breeding centre in itsari. The state's lead in interest-free k.C.C. Loans (3,98,633 cases) cements its frontrunner status.

Balaghat Chinnor Becomes MP’s First Agri-Produce Having Geographical Indication Tag

The GI product “Balaghat Chinnor” rice is a unique farm produce. The aroma of cooked and uncooked rice is strongly scented. The cooked grains are soft, shiny after cooling and slightly sticky in nature. The shape of the apex of grain of Chinnor is similar to the tip of a sword. Taste is very unique. The Kheer made by Balaghat Chinnor rice has creamy texture with a peculiar rice flavour. It takes lesser time for cooking. Currently, 7000 acres of land is being cultivated by about 5000 farmers.

The export prospects of “Balaghat Chinnor” are bright. There are enough records proving antiquity of “Balaghat Chinnor”. According to the old folklore “Suras-Faag” written in 1946, rice variety “Chinnor” was grown in the “Kadi” village of the Balaghat district. In 1974, the famous rice germplasm collector of India, Dr. R.H. Richaria collected “Chinnor” from the Kaidi village. He later published the rice collection in 1977 in his book “A strategy



for Rice Production to Ensure Sustained Growth in Madhya Pradesh”. Catalogue on Indigenous Rice Germplasm of Madhya Pradesh mentions that the “Chinnor rice” belongs to the Balaghat. Cultivation of Chinnor in Waraseoni tehsil of Balaghat is mentioned in “Aravii lo Satpuda Yatra”

written in 1992. The origin of the Chinnor rice from the Balaghat region has been acknowledged well in different records.

Natural Factors

Average rainfall of the Balaghat district region suits Chinnor crop season the temperature ranges between 26-28°C during the day and 18-20°C at night with 11-12 hrs day periods. The grain filling occurs during hazy sunshine of about 10.30-11.15 hrs day period when the average relative humidity is around 55-60% in the month of November. It is tolerant to cold but sensitive to rain at flowering.

Average rainfall of the Balaghat district is 1447 mm. The cropping situation and weather conditions of Balaghat district has contributed greatly to its high aroma and softness in cooking and other quality attributes. The special quality characteristics based upon the unique production technique and characteristics of Chinnor is unique.

Agri-Malls To Be Set Up in Mandi complexes

The mandi complexes will soon have Agri-Malls to provide farmers a direct access to fertilizers, seeds, agricultural equipment, and other useful items at fair prices. Plans are being finalized for this. There is also a plan to establish Atal Clinics in mandi complexes providing high-quality medical facilities to farmers, labourers, traders, and the general public.

In order to give direct access of farmers to big markets at national level, the Mandis – farm produce trading yards have been equipped with modern facilities. A total of 22 new mandis and 47 sub-mandis have been established to maximise facilities to farmers. These have been properly manned skilled staff.

The “National Agricultural Market” (e-NAM) now covers these Mandis and the process of connecting 56 new mandis to e-NAM is going on.

As many as 22,497 authorized traders with National Agricultural Market, have done trading of 62.60 lakh metric tons of agricultural commodities worth Rs. 21 thousand 70 crore in 80 mandis.

The Madhya Pradesh Agricultural

Produce Market (Online Trading and E-Platform) Rules-2016 have been amended to facilitate approximately 1021 online traders get e-licenses for trading at e-NAM mandis.

The mandis earned a historic revenue of Rs. 1681.53 crores in 2022-23. In 2022-23, Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in wheat exports with over 21 lakh metric tons of wheat exported to the country.

Madhya Pradesh ranks second in the country in the Data Reporting Plan of the mandi committees on the Atmanirbhar Krishak portal of the Government of India. The MP Farmgate app has been implemented in 259 mandis for farmers to sell their produce from their homes, storage facilities, and godowns without any additional expenses. An E-Library facility has been provided in the Mandi Board headquarters. As many as 127 mandis have been notified for fruit and vegetable marketing.

Section 6 of the Mandi Act has been amended allowing farmers to sell fruits and vegetables outside the mandi premises. Similarly, amendments in the Mandi Act allow traders to conduct business in



more than one mandi area under a single license.

As many as 28 medicinal crops have been notified for mandi regulation and 30 mandis are being developed as High-Tech mandis. As many as 35 mandi complexes are being re-developed under the PPP model under the Re-densification Project.

The Riva Sundarja mango and Sihor Sharbati wheat have received the GI tag in 2022-23. The farmer friendly MP Farmgate App of the Mandi Board has won the E-Governance Award-2022 from the Computer Society of India while the E-Mandi and E-License system has been honoured with Order of Merit.

All eyes on today's CWMA meet; Will present ground reality: DKS

Officials told to attend meeting in Delhi in person and not online

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A day after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that Karnataka will appeal before the Supreme Court against the Cauvery Water Regulation Committee's recent directive, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar has said that the state will present the ground reality at the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) meeting on Friday. The DyCM, however, said the state will wait to see what the CWMA recommends.

CWRC on September 26 directed Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs of Cauvery water daily to Tamil Nadu from September 28 upto October 15.

Speaking to reporters here, Siddaramaiah said he has directed the officials to attend the CWMA meeting in Delhi in person and not participate online.



"Tamil Nadu has sought 11,000 cusecs of water. Our officials are going to present Karnataka's case effectively. They will explain the prevailing conditions in Karnataka, including deficit rain and the drought. Presently, 2000 cusecs of water is flowing (to TN)," he said.

Shivakumar further said that the State Government will soon convene a meeting to discuss the Cauvery dispute which will be attended by senior agriculture and irrigation experts.

When asked if Karnataka will approach the Supreme Court soon after the CWMA meeting, Shivakumar said that the government has already filed an application before the court. "The technical committee has recommended releasing 3,000 cusecs of water. We need to wait and see what CWMA directives are," he added.

On the Karnataka bandh called on Friday to protest against the release of water to TN, Shivakumar said, "There is no provision for bandh... the State Government, however, does not stop people from protesting." He said that the government is committed to providing protection to the citizens. He urged the public to follow the norms laid down by the Supreme Court and High Court regarding bandhs. "You can protest without calling for a bandh," he said.



Members of Cauvery Kriya Samiti stage a protest against the release of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu, in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Gearing up for MLC, LS polls: DKS

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said that the Congress in Karnataka is gearing up to face the upcoming MLC (Teachers and Graduate Constituencies) and Lok Sabha polls and work is on to finalise the candidates. He, however, refused to give details on former legislators who met him along with former CM and Congress MLC Jagadish Shetty. On his meeting with minister KH Muniyappa, he said the latter had come to stress on appointing chairman for boards and corporations.

BJP will always support Cauvery stir, says Bommai

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FORMER CM and senior BJP leader Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday said that his party will continue to support the Cauvery agitation as long as the dispute exists. Speaking to reporters here on Thursday, Bommai said that CWRC has once again ordered Karnataka to release 3,000 cusecs to TN.

"Such a situation could not have been encountered if the State Government had argued effectively before the Supreme Court when the Cauvery Water Management Authority directed Karnataka to release 10,000 cusecs daily. At last, wisdom seems to have prevailed on the State government," he added.

Bommai said much water had already flowed into Tamil Nadu which has totally violated the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's orders.

He said most taluks in North Karnataka were reeling under drought. "The government has not distributed any compensation. Our government had given the solatium double the norms but it was not done by the incumbent government. The State Government must not only protect the interest of Cauvery but also of the Krishna water," he added.



Kannada activists distribute roses to public appealing them to support Karnataka bandh, in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYSHANKAR S

ALL SET FOR BANDH

- Dawn to dusk (6am to 6pm) bandh today
 - Holiday for schools and colleges in five districts
 - Intense agitation expected in Cauvery basin districts
 - Medical services unaffected
- IN BENGALURU**
- Malls & cinemas to be shut
 - Cabs and auto rickshaws to stay off the roads
 - Metro & BMTCL services to be as usual
 - Hotels most likely to be closed

Rally planned from Town Hall to Freedom Park

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IN all, 60 KSPP and 40 CAR platoons, and two Rapid Action Force companies will be deployed in the city. Stern action will be taken against those who try to breach peace, he added.

Vatal Nagaraj, the president of 'Kannada Okkoota', which has given the bandh call, however, said activists will take out a massive procession from Town Hall to Freedom Park, come what may.

He said national highways will be blocked and trains stopped. With the film industry announcing its support, there are chances of star actors taking part in the protests. Political parties such as BJP, JDS and AAP have supported the bandh call. Mandya, Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts,



Members of Raitha Hitarakshana Samiti stage a protest in Mandya on Thursday | KPN

the Cauvery heartland, may witness intense protests. In Mysuru, hoteliers' and travel associations and other trade bodies have extended their support to the bandh call.

Traders, farmer groups and those who have launched a struggle for the implementation of Kalasa-Bandur project have expressed support to the bandh in Dharwad. The bandh call may have little or no impact in the coastal belt and in north Karnataka.

Karnataka Jala Samrakshana Samiti, which had called for Bengaluru bandh on Tuesday, stated that the three-day deadline given by it to the State Government will end on Friday. Samiti activists will block the highways from 11am to 1pm and lay siege to the CM's official residence on Friday.

BJP seeks action against forest official

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OPPOSITION BJP demanded the suspension of a Forest Department official who evicted farmers from their lands in villages in Kolar district and booked cases by falsely accusing them of obstructing a drive to clear encroachment of forest land.

BJP MLC and General Secretary N Ravi Kumar told media persons that the Forest Department officials destroyed hundreds of acres of mango plantations in villages in Srinivasapura taluk in Kolar by claiming it to be forest land. This entire operation was done at night by the officials, who also planted saplings in that land to show that it was forest land, he said, and added that farmers have all the documents to prove that it was their land.

Demanding the government to take action against the officer, the BJP leader said

many of those who protested against the Forest Department's action were arrested and sent to jail. "The anti-farmer government is protecting the officer who is evicting farmers from their lands and not supporting the farmers," Ravi Kumar alleged.

The BJP MLC said when Kolar MP Muniswamy wanted to take up the issue with the district in-charge minister Byrati Suresh during the Janata Darshan on Sept 25, the MP was stopped from explaining farmers' problems. Ravi Kumar said Kolar Superintendent of Police (SP) manhandled the MP in the Janata darshan. "Can a police officer manhandle the MP? Was it not a breach of his privilege? We are demanding the SP's suspension," he said.

The BJP leader said if the government fails to take action against the Forest Department officer and SP, the BJP will stage a massive protest in Kolar on October 3.

POLITICAL THEATRE

After AICC notice, Hariprasad meets Shivakumar

BENGALURU: Senior Congress leader and MLC B K Hariprasad called on Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D K Shivakumar at the latter's residence here on Thursday. The meeting carries some significance, with Hariprasad being issued notice by the

AICC disciplinary committee for attacking Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on personal grounds recently. Hariprasad had replied to the notice. The Congress leader held discussions with Shivakumar about the repercussions, a source said, adding that ultimately, KPCC has to take a call on taking further action. Both Hariprasad and Shivakumar are sympathetic to each other. Hariprasad had alleged that

Siddaramaiah is anti-Dalit, anti-minorities and against backward classes. "He (Siddaramaiah) cannot become late chief minister Devaraj Urs, the champion of the downtrodden, by boarding the car he once used. He cannot become a 'samajwadi' by wearing dhoti, khaki shorts and Hublot watch," he had stated at a Billava community meeting recently. Hariprasad was sulking as he was kept out of the Siddaramaiah cabinet, with the party high command choosing N S Boseraju as he had contributed immensely in organising senior leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', according to sources. But Hariprasad felt that Siddaramaiah had played a key role in denying him a cabinet berth.

Congress leader invites JDS MLAs to join party

BENGALURU: Congress leader and former MLC Ramesh Babu said JDS which forged an alliance with BJP is not a secular party and its leaders, who believe in secular ideology, should join the Congress. Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, the Congress leader said the JDS MLAs are not publicly expressing their displeasure about the party joining hands with the BJP, but they are welcome to Congress. "I am openly inviting them to join Congress," he said. The Congress leader said to protect his own identity in the Old Mysuru region, JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy is targeting Deputy CM DK Shivakumar. Congress leader KP Laxman said the BJP and JDS leaders should stop doing politics over the Cauvery issue and the Central authorities should look at the ground reality in the state.

STORY OF SURVIVAL



Tribal settlement of the Jenukurubas in Hunasepale | EXPRESS

For Jenukurubas, it is a lifelong battle for facilities

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

KODAGU is home to over 12,000 Jenukuruba tribes who inhabit the forest fringes. After battling for their forest land rights since Independence, many of them have received it, but their ordeal continues as basic amenities are still a distant dream for most of them. The tribes at Hunasepale in Somwarpet taluk narrate the tribulations of the Jenukurubas.

Almost three decades ago, 12 Jenukuruba families received land rights at Hunasepale located by the fringes of the Yadavanna-Huduguru Reserve Forest area. Thatch houses still lack proper facilities. Power and toilets seem unattainable. Raghu, Yashodha, and other residents alleged that officials are impervious to their requests for basic facilities.

The tribes defecate in forests risking wildlife attacks. They have to go around pleading

with shopkeepers to allow them to charge their phones. "There are several Jenukuruba settlements devoid of basic facilities. The community lacks leadership and voice," said tribal leader Jenukurubara T Kalinga.

He said that Jenukurubara Sangha is trying to voice the community's plight. "We will meet the forest department's CCF and other officials concerned soon, and demand a census of the Jenu Kuruba settlements. It will show a lack of facilities in these settlements," he added.

District ITDP officer, Honnagowda said, "A majority of the settlements have electricity and other facilities. However, in a few settlements, toilets are yet to be built under the NREGA project. The panchayat will do it in phases. Power connections in some settlements await permission of the forest department, which will be sorted out soon."

CHANGING POLITICAL EQUATIONS

JDS now worried over eroding Muslim support

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

TOP JDS leaders, including HD Kumaraswamy, have been calling Muslim leaders for the past few days urging them not to leave the party in the wake of its alliance with the BJP.

Many Muslim leaders in the JDS confirmed that they received calls from 'HDK Sir'. Prominent among them are former minister MM Nabi, senior party leader Naseer Hussain Ustad and former special representative of the State Government to the Centre Mohd Althaf. "I received calls from Kumaraswamy. But I did not change my mind. I had handed over two resignation letters - one to the state and another to the national leadership. What is of concern is that the saffron party can use JDS' support to unleash its brand of hate politics against the minorities in Karnataka if the alliance comes to power. I don't want to be a party to that," former JDS vice-president Syed Shafiuallah Saheb said.

It is believed that such responses from Muslim leaders made JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda to assure them of safety on Wednesday when he said, "Let us form government with any party. But in my State of Karnataka protection to minorities is assured."

Moreover, speculations were rife that Muslim leaders at all levels in the party were ready to quit JDS en masse.



The JDS has tied-up with the BJP in Karnataka ahead of the Lok Sabha elections

Let us form government with any party. But in my State of Karnataka protection to minorities is assured

HD Deve Gowda, JDS supremo

The reason for the nervousness in JDS is understandable. Janata Dal enjoyed the support of Muslims when it swept to power in Karnataka in 1994. This was because of the situation post-Babri demolition and raids against a prominent Islamic seminary in the early 90s. Muslims in Karnataka decided to rally with Janata Dal which won 16 parliamentary seats and 115 assembly seats. CM Ibrahim then became the party president and later held portfolios of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Information and Broadcasting in the Deve Gowda and Gujral governments, for med

respectively in 1996 and 1997, at the Centre.

JDS MLAs Sharangouda Kandakur (Gurmitkal) and Karemma Gopalakrishna (Devadurga) have opposed the party's alliance with BJP. Kandakur suggested that the JDS leadership call all leaders, who are unhappy with the alliance, and convince them to be with the party.

According to political analysts, the Congress and BJP are the arch-rivals of JDS. With this being the situation, how could JDS have a tie-up with its enemy? It may not be a smooth alliance, for BJP and JDS have many issues to tackle. In the last Assembly elections, JDS gave tickets to 23 Muslims, but none won. Muslim voters have a say in more than 30 Assembly constituencies in the State.

Top JDS leaders are now worried that if Muslims desert the party, it will be reduced to a party of Vokkaligas.

Rejected by minorities, JDS forced to tie up with BJP

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

HAVING forged an alliance with BJP, JDS may have reached a point where it will not be able to regain the trust of the Muslim community. The party, which pulled out all stops to overcome the 'trust deficit' that the Muslim community harboured, during the 2023 Assembly polls, went in vain. Eventually, the regional 'secular' party decided to align with the saffron party for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The party first began to lose its hold on the minorities in 2006, when it formed a government with the BJP. The party had fielded Muslim candidates in bypolls to Basavakalyan, Sindagi and Hanagal, but all of them faced defeat, despite former PM H D Deve Gowda campaigning aggressively. "In fact, the strategy boomeranged as the community felt the JDS had fielded Muslim candidates to help the BJP by dividing the community votes," a JDS Muslim leader said.

Even in the 2023 Assembly polls, JDS fielded Muslims in 23 seats and none of them won. "In Channarayana, Muslims voted for me because the fight was between the JDS and BJP. If the Congress was strong enough, they would have voted for that party candidate," remarked former CM HD Kumaraswamy, at a press meet recently. According to him, the Congress branding the JDS as the 'B' team of the BJP had its own negative impact even in 2018. In Ramanagara, Muslims chose their candidate, H A Iqbal Hussain, and defeated Nikhil Kumaraswamy. But wherever the fight was between the JDS and BJP, they chose JDS. It happened in Chikkanayakanahalli, Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Hassan and Devadurga, among the 19 seats the JDS won in 2023.

"About 10-15% of Muslims voted for the JDS, yet the leadership made us scapegoats. The party leadership becoming close to BJP was the turning point," observed Nasir Hussain Ustad, defeated candidate from Kalaburagi North. But a JDS leader disputed him. "If so, we would have won 50-60 seats, but over 95 per cent voted for the Congress," he said. In Karnataka, the 15.4% Muslims play a key role. As the community started distancing itself from JDS, leaders followed suit. JDS state president CM Ibrahim, who is under pressure from the community, is likely to take a call soon, a source said.

Teens kill 16-year-old for using filthy language

Deceased had fought with his alleged attackers, after he found them fooling him through a fake social media account

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ACCUSING a 16-year-old boy of using filthy language on a social media platform, a group of teens allegedly attacked him with swords, leading to tension at Yattinkeri village in Kittur taluk on Tuesday evening. The victim did not respond to treat-

ment at a private hospital in Belagavi and succumbed on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Prajwal Mallesh Sunkad, a resident of Yattinkeri.

All the five accused have been arrested by the police among whom four are minors.

Vishal Kallawaddar (19), one

of the accused, is a resident of Mallapur village, close to Yattinkeri. According to police sources, the arrested had created a fake account on social media and started chatting with Prajwal. When the latter realised that he was being fooled by Vishal and his friends, he was infuriated and started chatting with them in filthy

language on social media. This irked the others, who asked him to meet them for sorting out the issue on Tuesday evening.

When Prajwal met Vishal and his friends, initially they tried to discuss the issue. But gradually the discussion turned into a verbal duel and turned violent. One of the accused at-

tacked Prajwal with a sword from behind, when he was fighting with the others.

Prajwal received severe head injuries in the attack and fell unconscious. He was rushed to a private hospital in Belagavi for medical treatment, but he breathed his last.

A case has been registered at Kittur police station.

Dist judge to be part of panel on Murugha mutt administration

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THE Karnataka High Court suggested that the District and Principal Judge of Chitradurga should be part of the committee constituted to oversee the administration and management of Shree Jagadguru Murugharajendra Vidyapeeta, till the representative of the president of the Vidyapeeta is appointed.

A division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice MGS Kamal passed the order while disposing of a batch of appeals, questioning the order dated May 22, 2023, passed by the single judge, quashing the appointment of PS Vastrad as administrator because Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, pontiff of the mutt, is in judicial custody on charges of rape.

Meanwhile, the division bench on July 3, 2023, directed District and Principal Judge, Chitradurga, to take charge as administrator of the mutt and Vidyapeeta, effective July 4, 2023. He was also directed to manage af-

fairs relating to the day-to-day activities of the Vidyapeeta and mutt, but not to take any policy decisions.

The single judge extended the term of the administrator for a period of six weeks as an interim arrangement, to enable the mutt devotees and prominent members of the community to devise a plan of action for administration and management of the mutt and its institutions. The division bench, however, observed that this direction would not hold significance.

After court quashed the appointment of the administrator, the state government withdrew the appointment order. Later, a meeting was convened in which devotees of the mutt, leaders of Lingayat and other communities, directors and leaders of Basava Kendra and legislators unanimously decided to hand over responsibility of the mutt administration to Sri Basavaprabhu Swamy, and resolved to constitute an 'overseeing committee' in keeping with the rules under the Societies Registration Act.

CPR training must for police: Dr G

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"CARDIOPULMONARY resuscitation (CPR) training will be made mandatory for police personnel in all the 12 training academies in the state. CPR education will be made part of the school curriculum," said Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara. He was speaking after launching the 'SOS QR Code' and CPR education initiative program, by Manipal Hospital in the city on Thursday.

Earlier, Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman of Manipal Hospitals had requested that the state gov-

ernment should ensure that all police personnel, emergency service staff, schools and colleges should be giving out CPR training. He pointed out that hardly 2 per cent of the population are aware about how to give a proper CPR. It is a life saving skill, and knowing how to properly provide a CPR will help save lives during an emergency.

Responding to the request, Dr Parameshwara and Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said that the state government is working on a proposal to include 'CPR training' and 'health topic' - that will help students un-

derstand various diseases like cancer, heart attack, stroke and other lifestyle diseases, as part of the SSLC and PUC curriculum.

SOS QR code to alert ambulances

Along with this, Manipal Hospital also launched 'SOS QR code' which will be positioned at key traffic intersections, and apartments for easy access during emergencies. "The QR code is designed to provide real-time information to the nearest Manipal Ambulance Response Service and state government's 108 ambulance team, which will arrive and take the patient to the nearest hospital. These ambulances will be strategically stationed at various key points throughout the city," Ballal said.



PATH OF PRAYER

Members of Muslim community take part in a procession on the occasion of Jashn-e-Eid Milad un-Nabi on Tannery Road on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

Doc stopped from posting remarks against wellness co

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ACTING on a suit filed by Himalaya Wellness Company, the Bengaluru City Civil and Sessions Court restrained Dr Cyriac Abby Philips, a Kerala-based hepatologist, from posting, publishing or reposting defamatory remarks against the company or its products on his social media account.

The court also directed the X Corp to suspend/block Dr Cyriac's social media handle till January 5, 2024, the next date of hearing.

Meanwhile, acting on an interim ex-parte injunction order passed on September 23, X Corp withheld his account. In the plaint, Himalaya Wellness Company alleged that Dr Cyriac was posting derogatory statements and materials against its products, because of which, its business has been substantially reduced.

According to the plaint, the statements and materials posted on 'X' are per se false and not justified. The practice of Dr Cyriac in making such a publication is nothing but cutthroat competition with the products of the two pharmaceutical companies promoted, the company alleged.

CRIME PATROL

Shoe rack is no place for your house key

BENGALURU: A 30-year-old homemaker was arrested for stealing gold and cash from her neighbour's house. Both the complainant and accused live in the same building in Kottigepalya. The complainant, Mahadev, 35, who had gone to his hometown, had kept the house keys in the shoe rack outside his house. Rathna, who had noticed this, took the keys and stole the valuables, and slipped them back into the shoe rack. She is now cooling her heels in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. Rathna had stolen cash and gold worth around Rs 1.06 lakh. Mahadev had left town on September 10 and returned on September 22. He had suspected that she was involved, and filed a complaint at Kamakshipalya police station. Rathna, who was summoned for questioning, confessed to have stolen the valuables. "The accused is a housewife and has no previous crime history. She had noticed the complainant keeping the keys inside the shoe rack. She entered the complainant's house using the keys and stole the valuables," Kamakshipalya police said.

Cashier killed by colleague over trivial row

BENGALURU: A cashier was murdered allegedly by his colleague over a trivial issue in Yelahanka police station limits. Rajaratha (24) of Andhra Pradesh, is accused of murdering Mallikarjun (23) of Ballari. Both Rajaratha and Mallikarjun worked as cashiers at a reputed apparel showroom in a shopping mall on Ballari Road in Yelahanka. It is alleged that Mallikarjun frequently ridiculed Rajaratha for being unable to count cash properly. Rajaratha kept warning Mallikarjun not to make fun of him, but in vain. Unable to bear it further, Rajaratha allegedly stabbed Mallikarjun with a pair of scissors on Tuesday, killing him on the spot. The Yelahanka police have registered a case against the accused, who has been traced and arrested.

CANARA BANK RAISES ₹5K CRORE IN LONG TERM INFRASTRUCTURE BOND

BENGALURU: Canara Bank in its maiden issuance of Long Term Infrastructure Bonds has raised Rs 5,000 crore, at a coupon rate of 7.54 per cent per annum. The issue received an overwhelming response from investors, with bids for more than Rs 14,180 crore against a base issue size of Rs 1,000 crore and a green shoe option of Rs 4,000 crore. The bank's Long Term Infrastructure Bonds are rated as 'AAA/Stable' by CARE Ratings Limited and India Ratings and Research Ltd.

Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd
New No 33, Old No 14, AVTM Homes
1st Floor, Devanathan Street,
Mandaveli, Chennai.,
Tamilnadu- 600 028. Phone No:044-24611412.

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (for immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 14.07.2023 calling upon the borrower 1. Mr. Raghunath N. No. 70, 1st floor, Vishnuo Krishna Building, Royapettah High Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014. Also at: No.9, Judge Jambulingam Street, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004. 2. Mrs Shantha Raghunath, No. 70, 1st floor, Vishnuo Krishna Building, Royapettah High Road, Royapettah, Chennai - 600 014. Also at: No.9, Judge Jambulingam Street, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,08,79,481.01 (Rupees Two Crores Eight Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty One and Paise One only) as on 30.06.2023 with further interest @ 14.80 % from 1.7.2023 onwards within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under subsection 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 25th day of September 2023.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited** for an amount Rs. 2,09,53,242.69 (Rupees Two Crores Nine lakhs Fifty Three Thousands Two Hundred Forty Two and Paise Sixty Nine only) as on 31.08.2023 with further interest @ 14.80 % from 1.9.2023 or at the contracted rate and costs, etc.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Property No.1 All that piece and portion of a Flat bearing No. F-73 on First Floor having 1877 Sq. feet of super built up area along with admeasuring 1877/15,00,000 Sq. ft. of undivided share in out of land admeasuring 30745.37 Sq. Mts. that is equal to 3,30,820.18 Sq. ft., situate at Door Nos.768 and 769, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002 and belonging to Spencer & Company Ltd., comprised in Survey Nos. 26/2 part, 26/3 part and 27/2 part in Block No.4 of Nungambakkam Village, Division No.105 in the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub - Registration District of Joint II, Thousand Lights, bounded on the: North by: Property belonging to Spencer Estates Ltd., and S No.26/1, South by: S No.27/2 Part, East by: Anna Salai, West by: Open Space Reserved for recreational purpose
Property No.2 All that piece and portion of a Flat bearing No. F-72 on First Floor having 1877 Sq. feet of super built up area (inclusive of proportionate common built up area) along with admeasuring 1877/15,00,000 Sq. feet of undivided share in out of land admeasuring 30745.37 Sq. Mts. that is equal to 3,30,820.18 Sq. feet, situate at Door Nos.768 and 769, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002 and belonging to Spencer & Company Ltd., comprised in Survey Nos. 26/2 part, 26/3 part and 27/2 part in Block No.4 of Nungambakkam Village, Division No.105 in the Registration District of Chennai Central and Sub - Registration District of Joint II, Thousand Lights, bounded on the: North by: Property belonging to Spencer Estates Ltd., and S No.26/1, South by: S No.27/2 Part, East by: Anna Salai, West by: Open Space Reserved for Recreational purpose.
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Property No.4 All that piece and parcel of immovable property comprising of land with buildings thereon bearing corporation No.4, situated in Edward Road, in Corporation Division No.72, Bangalore, bounded on the North by: Edward Road, measuring on that side 35.20 Meters, South by: Cunningham Road, measuring on that side 35.20 Meters, East by: Premises No.2, measuring on that side 67.60 Meters, West by: Premises No.5, measuring on that side 67.60 Meters. Total site area of the property is 2400.41 Sq. Meters situated within in the Sub-Registration district of Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore. 3031+100-3131/49366TH undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the above said property admeasuring 1638.0 Sq. Ft. with Duplex Apartment bearing No.H1 on the Ground and First floors of the building known as "D VILLA" constructed in the schedule "A" property measuring super built up area of 3031 Sq. Ft. with one covered car parking space No. H2 in the basement floor with exclusive use of Garden Area attached to flat No.H1 measuring 851 Sq. Ft. with proportionate share in all common facilities and amenities thereto, which is now known as and bearing Corporation No.4/22, "D VILLA" Apartments, in Edward Road in Corporation Ward/Division No.78, Bangalore. The property situated within the limits of Bangalore Corporation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Rame Gowda H V S/o Venkatesh Gowda**. Apart from the said Owner, if any other individual, institution, firm, company or person's have any manner of subsisting claim right, title or interest or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection for the sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections received thereafter will not be binding on my clients and it shall be deemed that the schedule property is free from all claims and encumbrances and my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.35, Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Katha No. 1999, now BBNR Katha Property No.2364/35/68/1999/2495, formed out of Sy.No.86 (Old Sy. No.26), duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purposes, Vide Order No. B.DIS.ALN/SR(K.T)9/2003-04, dated: 11/05/2004, by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, now Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council Katha No. 1999, situated at MYLASANDRA VILLAGE, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the Property previously coming under limits of Rajarajeshwari City Municipal Council, now the property Comes Under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hemmipet, Ward No. 198, Kengeri Sub-Zone, Bangalore, Measuring: East to West 45-0 feet and, North to South 35-0 feet, Totally measuring 1575 Sq. Ft., Bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Site No.34, South by: Site No.36.

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ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಪದಮ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರ: DPUE-EST30KK(LPA)/11/2023-R AND G-DEPARTMENT OF PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION Dated: 19-08-2023 ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಪದಮ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪಜೋಡಿ/ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ-3/ಪಾಲಿ/ದೈ.ಶಿ.ವೇ.ಅನು/2017-18 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26-11-2019 ರಂತೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮಿಲಿಟರ ಪದಮ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜು, ಕಲಬುರಗಿ(KK0027) ಮತ್ತು ಸಿದ್ಧಾರ್ಥ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಪದ

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List of pledges-
BANGALORE, T.C.PALAYA, 108240700034517, PRAVEEN KUMAR, 38190/-, CHAIN 1, 4531, MANOHARA, 5380/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4543, NAGARAJ, 9149/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 4559, C SUSHMA, 179179/-, CHAIN 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 4580, LAWRENCE BALARAJ, 17000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 4588, GAFFAR KHAN, 57050/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 4589, GAFFAR KHAN, 30211/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 4590, GAFFAR KHAN, 16301/-, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 2, 4592, DAVID B JUTIKE, 23500/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 4617, YASWANTH KUMAR B, 155155/-, BRACELET 1, DROPS & STUD 8, 4626, ARUN R, 47107/-, NECKLACE 1, 4627, ARUN R, 21310/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 108240730019803, CHAITRA V N, 19930/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 108240730020111, VAVITI KAVALI SANKAR, 31348/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0125, VAVITI KAVALI SANKAR, 15473/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 0143, KRISHNAPPA, 1235154/-, BROAD BANGLES 3, CHAIN 3, DROPS & STUD 4, FINGER RINGS 5, MATTI 2, NECKLACE 3, 0186, JAYARAM V, 27250/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0194, CHAITRA V N, 40090/-, BRACELET 1, CHAIN 1, DROPS 2, 0202, MAHENDRA B, 20320/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0207, PRATIBHA, 39539/-, FINGER RINGS 3, 0216, MAHENDRA B, 26530/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0245, VAVITI KAVALI SANKAR, 15520/-, STUD 2, 0288, VIJAY DEEPAK B, 15997/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0342, LENIN P, 15047/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 0343, LENIN P, 7444/-, FINGER RINGS 1, MYSORE, T.NARASEEPURA, 109160700101673, VEENA K, 26000/-, CHAIN 1, FINGER RINGS 1, 0376, LOKESHA C, 19200/-, DROPS 2, 3413, CHANDRAPR, 8600/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3445, NAVEEN S, 17500/-, LOCKET 1, 3475, MALLES, 30196/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 3622, S CHANDRU, 14000/-, DROPS 2, LOCKET 2, 3742, LALIMUTHUJI, 17800/-, STUD 2, 109160730017780, RAGHU, 18740/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7812, DINESH S, 18020/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7817, SHIVARAJU, 11770/-, STUD 2, 7830, SHIVARAJU, 12730/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7877, SHIVARAJU, 46770/-, CHAIN 1, 7880, MOHAMMED REEHAN, 111740/-, DROPS & STUD 1, FINGER RINGS 2, 7903, SHIVARAJU, 40560/-, BANGLE 1, 7909, RAGHU G, 134670/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 6, FINGER RINGS 1, 7914, NAGARAJU B, 21990/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 7971, BHASKAR K S, 27035/-, STUD 2, 8019, ANANDAMURTHY S L, 17864/-, DROPS & STUD 2, KOLAR, TALUK OFFICE ROAD MUBAGAL, 126740700034464, RAHAMATHA UNNISA, 44959/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 4636, FAYAZ AHMED, 19900/-, FINGER RINGS 4, 5469, PRUTHIVI C, 25000/-, CHAIN 1, 5841, SRINIVAS N, 34372/-, BRACELET 1, 5903, MANJUNATH M, 5500/-, STUD 2, 5950, SUBRAMANI V, 10000/-, MATTI 2, 6017, SUDHAKAR, 150075/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 4, 6104, SHANKAR, MG, 71000/-, DROPS & STUD 4, 6120, VISHVANATHAC, 98000/-, CHAIN 1, DROPS & STUD 2, STUD 2, 6155, ANJANEYAREDDY AR, 42000/-, BRACELET 1, FINGER RINGS 1, STUD 4, 6166, MALLIKARJUN HAVALAR, 46500/-, CHAIN 1, 6203, HANUMANTH REDDY, 79300/-, NECKLACE 1, 6276, SHAHID PASHA, 50000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, FINGER RINGS 1, 6286, M V MANIKUMAR, 13500/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6331, MANJUNATH, 27000/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 6351, ZABIULLA, 61530/-, CHAIN 1, ELAS 2, FINGER RINGS 2, 126740730009815, CETHAN V, 21990/-, DROPS & STUD 2, 9866, 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After Moon, Mars and Sun, ISRO turns to Venus

Space agency hopes to launch Shukrayaan-1 in December next year

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AFTER the successful Chandrayaan-3 and Aditya L-1 missions, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is striving to push the country's space-faring endeavours farther, setting its sight on Venus, also called the 'Earth's twin'.

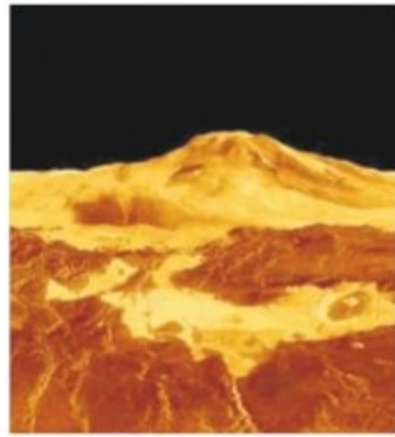
ISRO Chairman S Somanath said the mission to Venus has been already configured and some payloads are under development. According to an ISRO official, the space agency plans to send a proposal to the Centre for approval of the mission, hoping to launch it in December next year.

Speaking at the Indian National Science Academy in New Delhi on Wednesday, the ISRO chief emphasised that studying Venus could help understand Earth's future as billions of years ago the latter was also not habitable.

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India's Venus mission could be called 'Shukrayaan-1' -- 'Shukra' means Venus and 'Yaana' is craft or vehicle in Sanskrit.

The primary focus of the



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mission will be to study the Venusian surface and atmosphere, analysing its geological composition, which is said to be thick and filled with toxic clouds. The Venus mission could help one understand the relationship between solar radiation and the planet's surface particles.

Some scientists theorise that microbes could exist in Venus' clouds where it is cooler, and the pressure is similar to that on Earth's surface. Detection of Phosphine could

also be a possible sign of microbial life. But, more study is required. "Venus is permanently shrouded in thick, toxic clouds of sulphuric acid which start at an altitude of 45-70 km. The clouds smell like rotten eggs," according to a NASA research paper. Surface temperature on the hottest planet in the solar system is about 475 degrees Celsius at which even lead can melt.

Venus was the first planet to be explored with NASA's Mariner-2 expedition on December 14, 1962. Since then, numerous spacecraft from NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), the erstwhile Soviet Union and Japan have made attempts to explore the planet.

Soviet (now Russian) spacecraft made the most successful landings on Venus. However, they failed to survive due to extreme heat and crushing pressure.

NASA's Pioneer Venus Multiprobe survived for about an hour after impacting the surface in 1978, making Venus the most difficult planet to navigate. NASA's Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, In-SAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy (VERITAS) is set to launch in December 2027. ESA also plans to launch a spacecraft to Venus in the next couple of years.

Inter-caste marriage: Couple, son banished

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A differently abled (hearing and speech impaired) couple along with their one-month-old son were banished from N Devarahalli village in Challakere taluk of Chitradurga district a few days ago as they belonged to different castes.

The village heads ostracised and banished Savithamma of N Devarahalli village, who hails from the nomadic Jogi community, for marrying Manikanta, who belongs to the Reddy community from East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, from the village on

April 7, 2021. However, this went unreported then.

Savithamma and Manikanta were working in a private company in Bengaluru where they got married. When they visited N Devarahalli after their wedding, the elders from the Jogi community objected to their marriage and banished them from the village. They also imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 on Savithamma's family. It was paid by her parents.

Savithamma and Manikanta went to the village again after some months to take part in Sri Gowrasamudra Maramma Jatre. But the heads of the Jogi



Manikanta and Savithamma

community forced them to leave the village. Postpartum, Savithamma went to her home at Devarahalli a few days ago along with her husband and their son, and were forced to stay at the school for differently abled chil-

dren at Challakere. The community elders also threatened her parents of dire consequences if they gave shelter to their daughter and son-in-law.

As the news spread, Savithamma and Manikanta were shifted to Swadhara Kendra at Chitradurga from the school at Challakere. Deputy Commissioner Divyaprabhu GRJ told TNIE that an inquiry into the incident is on by an officer from the local administration.

She said the Superintendent of Police is also probing the incident. Based on the inquiry reports, action will be initiated.



SWEET GAINS

In the most popular auction in Telangana that attracts nationwide attention, 'Balapur Ganesh Laddu' fetched Rs 27 lakh, the highest ever in the last 29 years, on Thursday | EXPRESS

Naidu case: AP govt files caveat in Supreme Court

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ANDHRA Pradesh government filed a caveat in the Supreme Court in the quash petition of former chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu in the Skill Development Corporation case. The State government wants the SC to hear its arguments whenever the bench hears Naidu's plea.

Mahfooz Ahsan Nazki, the standing counsel of Andhra Pradesh in the apex court, filed the caveat. Naidu's quash petition in the skill development corporation case has been dismissed by the AP high court earlier. In the petition, the State

Lokesh defers resumption of padayatra

Vijayawada: In the wake of a memo filed by the Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department in the ACB court that the name of TDP national general secretary Nara Lokesh has been added as A14 in the Amaravati Inner Ring Road (IRR) case, he has postponed the resumption of his Yuva Galam Padayatra from Friday. TDP senior leaders have urged Lokesh to keep his focus on consultations with legal experts in Delhi as the Supreme Court had adjourned the hearing of TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu's quash petition in the AP State Skill Development Corporation scam case to October 3. Following the arrest of Naidu in the skill development case on September 9, Lokesh suspended his padayatra and he went to Delhi on September 14.

government said it had several evidences to prove Naidu's role in the skill development corpo-

ration case. The State government said Naidu resorted to crores of rupees scam on the

name of imparting training to students. The funds were altered routed to shell companies and encashed. The State government also mentioned that central investigating agencies have already launched a probe into the misappropriation of funds and routing them through shell companies and it was the GST department which had, in fact, informed the State government about the alleged scam. Saying so, the State government prayed that the court hears the State government too while dealing with Naidu's petition.

It may be recalled that the apex court has posted the petition filed by Naidu to October 3.

NMC CAPS MBBS SEATS, LEAVES K'TAKA IN A SPOT

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

THE recent guidelines by the National Medical Commission (NMC) for undergraduate courses have left medical colleges in Karnataka in a fix, as the regulatory body has capped the number of seats for MBBS courses and introduced a new ratio of only 100 MBBS seats for 10 lakh population in states and Union Territories.

NMC released its guidelines on August 16 under Extraordinary Gazette Notification, Guidelines for Undergraduate Courses under the Establishment of New Medical Institutions, Starting of New Medical Courses, Increase of Seats for Existing Courses & Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023, which have halted all southern states' plans for medical infrastructure.

In Karnataka, the situation seems dire as the state has a projected population of over 6.76 crore, according to data provided by Parliament. The state has 11,695 MBBS seats but according to the NMC norm, Karnataka should have only 6,770 seats, 4,925 less than its current capacity. The norms apply to both government and private institutions.

"After AY 2023-24, the Letter of Permission (LOP) for starting new medical colleges shall be issued only for an annual intake capacity of 50/100/150 seats: Provided that the medi-

cal college shall follow the ratio of 100 MBBS seats for every 10 lakh population in that state/UT," read the recent notification. Experts have questioned the regulatory body's powers to restrict states from building more medical colleges in their states. They have also raised speculation on the NMC not following any democratic process while issuing the order.

Educationist HS Ganesh Bhatt said, "The decision to allot medical seats based on population proportion is not justified. In fact, we should promote talent from all parts of the country and not curtail the states where medical education is booming." He added that if the government is

concerned about other states falling behind, the government can promote building an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in all states. "Individual talent should be sought, reservation should not play a role in such matters, we already have reservation in other matters."

Student communities have also pointed out that medical education cost is at an all-time high, and with the new guidelines, many aspirants will be deprived of opportunities.

Not just Karnataka, states such as Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala will also not be able to add new colleges or seats.



THROUGH THE LENS

Photo expo showcases wildlife

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WITH the advent of high-resolution mobile phone cameras and better access to high-end cameras, more and more people are taking to wildlife photography, said retired Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests M N Jayakumar.

He was speaking to TNIE on the sidelines of the launch 'Encounters in the Wild 2.0' -- an exhibition of wildlife photographs captured by Jayakumar across nine countries. Jayakumar said 231 photographs are being showcased in the exhibition opened in coordination with the Karnataka Forest Department. Each photograph has a unique QR code, which when scanned explains details of the animals and birds in the image. There is also a voice over.

Encounters in the Wild 2.0 also celebrates the success of Project Tiger in India. Apart from the exhibition, there are talks and exhibitions during the evenings by experts in the field of wildlife conservation, photography and film-making.

Jayakumar said through the exhibition, the aim is to transport visitors into the wild, showcasing the beauty of the natural world. "The exhibition is not just a celebration, but a call to action, urging us to be stewards of our planet's biodiversity and protect the apex predators and their habitats."

Deve Gowda, Siddaramaiah, BSY pay tribute to MS Swaminathan

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FORMER Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda on Thursday condoled the death of MS Swaminathan, architect of the green revolution. Gowda said he had greatly benefited from his advice on many occasions, and had been in touch with him till recently.

Many leaders, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa, Basavaraj Bommai and others paid tributes to the agronomist. "Sad to know that eminent agricultural scientist & father of India's Green Revolution Shri M S Swaminathan is no more with us. His contribution to India's agricultural progress & economy is immense. His works are widely referred to by the governments. My deepest condolences to his family members," Siddaramaiah posted on X.

"His long experience, achievements, transformation in the lives of farmers, his contribution to the economic growth of the nation is extraor-



Sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik creates a sand sculpture to pay tribute to Agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan, at Puri Beach on Thursday | PTI

dinary," said Yediyurappa. Bommai tweeted, "Dr MS Swaminathan was one of the greatest scientists especially in the agriculture field. His contribution as agriculture scientist is invaluable and his recommendations of the future way forward to improve the agriculture and farmers of this

country which is a backbone of our economy. Therefore Swaminathan death has really brought in great loss to entire agriculture world. Ultimately we have to respect him by implementing his recommendations which is betterment of the farmer and agriculture in this country."

PAW-NIC: UDUPI SEES OVER 11K DOG BITE CASES

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UDUPI district is grappling with increasing dog bite cases with 11,407 cases reported in eight months between January and August 2023, revealed official data. Two persons have also died in eight months from dog bites in the district. With local authorities, par-

ticularly in rural areas, indifferent to the predicament, the rise in dog bite cases can also be attributed to stray dogs not being properly fed in many parts of the district.

Local urban bodies like CMC, TMC, town panchayat, and gram panchayat are yet to take up animal birth control (ABC) programme in a sus-

tained manner. Dr Shankar Shetty, Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Department, Udupi district, told *The New Indian Express* that steriliza-

tion and ABC programme should be conducted with the co-operation of local authorities like gram panchayat.

The animal husbandry department is ready to cooper-

ate by providing necessary technical support to the panchayats across the district, he said.

Sources said though a tender was floated for sterilization and the ABC programme, not many NGOs came forward. The gram panchayats should set aside the necessary grant backed by a proper ac-

tion plan to implement the ABC programme in a time-bound manner.

Dr Nagabhushan Udupa, DHO Udupi, said people should take immediate treatment in case of a dog bite as the delay would lead to complex problems. The government health facility centres offer good treatment, he added.



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Clamour against 'illegal' land conversions rises in Kodagu

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ENVIRONMENT and Health Foundation and Kodagu Rakshana Vedike members urged the residents to unite and fight against the alleged illegal land conversions for commercial purposes in Kodagu to protect the district's ecosystem.

"Amid the Cauvery dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, no one is ready to understand the reality from an in-depth perspective. While the high court had clearly stated that the DC cannot issue a No Objection Certificate for land conversions, it is being done illegally," alleged Col (retd) Muthanna, president of the Environment and Health Foundation. Quoting the Indian Institute of Science Technology scientist, Ramachandra, he said, "If land conversions continue in Kodagu, Cauvery will dry out soon," and that eight crore people will suffer.

Citing instances of several land conversions for commercial layouts and resort purposes, he said, "We are examining the documents of these sites, and will move court. The residents should not invest in such illegal commercial buildings and layouts, and instead unite and fight against the illegal land conversions." The forum members blamed gram panchayat corruption for the illegal construction of resorts in eco-sensitive areas and said these facts would be presented before the court soon. The members confirmed they have filed RTIs in several cases. Kodagu Rakshana Vedike Kedakal vice-president Gopinath, Kedakal gram panchayat president Shivashankar, and others were present.

EXPRESS READ

Navy wins Inter-Services Athletics meet after 72 yrs

Kochi: The Indian Navy scripted history on Thursday after it emerged the winner of the 72nd Inter-Services Athletics Meet held at the artillery centre in Hyderabad. It is the first time in the tournament's history that the Navy has clinched the trophy. Navyman M P Jabir of Kerala was declared the best athlete among the three wings of the Armed Forces at the meet.

7 AP universities in THE World University Rankings 2024

Guntur: As many as seven universities, including four government universities, from Andhra Pradesh made it into the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024. Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur (JNTUA) ranked 34 among 91 Indian institutions that made to top 1,000 colleges across the globe. JNTUA finished in the 801-1000 category. Acharya Nagarjuna University secured national 58th rank and landed in 1201-1500 global rank band. KLU and SVU were placed in 1202-1500 category, while AU, GITAM, and Vignan stood in 1501+ global ranking band.

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— Ramnath Goenka

FATHER OF INDIAN GREEN REVOLUTION DESERVES BHARAT RATNA

IN the demise of Dr M S Swaminathan, the nation lost its tallest agricultural scientist, an icon and a visionary who helped put food on the plates of the poorest of the poor. His path-breaking interventions helped change India's trajectory from famine and hunger in the 1960s to food security. Celebrated as the father of the Indian Green Revolution, he was very much alive to its downside but initially prioritised enhancing farm yield to address the most pressing problem of the day. When the Green Revolution started rolling, he was concerned about the swamping out of native crop lines as high yield came from imported dwarf seed varieties that were genetically tweaked and crossed with local ones. The indiscriminate use of fertilisers and herbicides to enhance yield was another worry as it ended up making the soil toxic. To enhance soil health, he floated the concept of an Evergreen Revolution in 1990 for productivity in perpetuity without the associated ecological harm.

Swaminathan's ideas were far ahead of his times. He conceived the proposal of issuing soil health cards to farmers in 2008 as part of the Kuttanad wetland development project in Kerala. That idea was picked up by the Modi government, branded as the Central Soil Health Card Scheme and implemented across the country with much fanfare. Decades ago, Swaminathan coined the term nutri-cereals for the millet family to promote nutrition security, which today is among the Centre's flagship programmes. He was a motivational leader who had the ability of transferring research work from the lab to the field seamlessly. In the process, he inspired generations of scientists to take up that journey. He got to work with all prime ministers and was part of every national food security initiative. The National Commission on Farmers under his chairmanship evolved a formula for fixing the minimum support prices for farm produce—at least a half more than the weighted average cost of producing crops. That is the current government's minimum support price benchmark, though there is divergence on its interpretation.

His was a life well lived. From collaborating with international scientists like Norman Borlaug in cutting-edge research and helping design agricultural policies that had relevance beyond India, he was a global leader in the field of sustainable agriculture. Swaminathan was honoured with various awards during his lifetime, including the World Food Prize. But he certainly deserves India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, at least posthumously.

TELANGANA JOBS AGENCY NEEDS THOROUGH REVAMP

ONE thought there could not be a bigger embarrassment for the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) when it had to cancel a slew of examinations after it came to light earlier this year that several question papers, including for Group 1 preliminaries, had been leaked. But the cancellation of Group 1 prelims for the second time has come as a shock, raising serious questions of the commission's competency. The lakhs of job aspirants who had to take the exam twice are understandably upset and confused; having to prepare for the same exam a third time means loss of time and other career opportunities.

The TSPSC claimed to have set its house in order after the leaks. It rolled out measures to hold last year's scrapped exams again. It conducted the Group 1 prelims on June 11 for 504 posts against this backdrop. Over 2.33 lakh candidates took the test, about 50,000 less than those who took the exam last October. This speaks volumes for the disillusionment that seems to have set in among job aspirants about the TSPSC. The second cancellation was caused by nothing but laxity. A single-judge bench of the Telangana High Court scrapped the exam and, upon appeal, a two-judge bench upheld the verdict that there were lapses compromising the exam's integrity. What are the lapses? The court says the TSPSC changed the number of candidates days after the test—claiming initially that 2,33,248 candidates had appeared, but finding on a closer scrutiny that 258 more had taken the test. It did not enforce biometric attendance. The signatures of two invigilators were not found on the rolls. These lapses raise doubts. Why did it do away with the biometric system in June when it was used last October? Even if one were to accept the TSPSC's arguments, it means the system is not foolproof and the commission has not learnt the lessons of the leak saga.

Reports suggest the TSPSC plans to appeal the ruling at the Supreme Court. So be it, but the repeated inability to conduct tests smoothly has wider implications. It undermines public faith in the government; more so because government jobs is a major issue in the state. It fuels resentment, especially among the rural youth. It is time the TSPSC is revamped to ensure transparency and efficiency.

QUICK TAKE

SCREEN FOR CANCER TO SAVE LIVES

ALMOST two-thirds of the premature cancer deaths among under-70 women in India could have been prevented by early detection and cutting exposure to the major causes; more than a third of the rest could have been saved in 2020 with optimal care. A study commissioned by *Lancet* that looked at data from 185 countries says the biggest risks for women are tobacco, alcohol, obesity and infections, but that they are "widely under-recognised". The Indian medical research council says breast cancer, a preventable disease, affects 105.4 of every lakh Indian women. Free and compulsory early screening programmes in state hospitals can save lakhs of women's lives every year.

IN a parliament statement, Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau accused India of complicity in the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen and an identified Khalistani terrorist. This has triggered the worst diplomatic crisis between the two countries. Nijjar was wanted in India for several violent crimes, was on the Interpol list, and his capture carried a reward in India. Trudeau said there were "credible allegations". Canada expelled a senior Indian diplomat, and named him as the head of the R&AW unit of the Indian High Commission, pointing a direct finger at India's foreign intelligence agency.

Trudeau's so-called "credible allegations" were not backed by any evidence, and he is now busy making statements and drip-feeding the media that there is a "potential link" based on signal and human intelligence. He also claimed that though evidence was provided to India, it denied receiving any specific information.

This seems to be an arrogant assertion of a predominantly white Western country—it is sufficient that we have told you, and you must accept and atone for your sins.

India summarily rejected Trudeau's allegations, calling them absurd, motivated and groundless. It retaliated by expelling the Canadian diplomat who was the R&AW head's counterpart in the Canadian High Commission. Both countries issued travel advisories warning their respective citizens in each other's countries to stay safe. India's advisory was strongly worded, mentioning official patronage to terrorists in Canada. India upped the ante by suspending the issuance of visas in Canada and enforcing parity in the number of diplomats posted in each other's countries. The parity principle will force Canada to reduce its diplomats in India.

Before the G20 summit, Trudeau had desperately tried to get the Five Eyes intelligence sharing partners, such as Australia, the UK and the US, to join hands with Canada in going public on this issue to embarrass India. He tried the same within the G7 but was rebuffed.

Trudeau claimed that he raised the issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a ten-minute pull-aside meeting. PM Modi rejected his allegations and gave him a dressing down over his government's patronage to terrorists and non-action towards India's concerns.

The fracturing of bilateral ties began when trade negotiations were halted before the G20 summit. Trudeau has claimed that his intelligence officials shared information with their Indian counterparts before the summit and were clearly rebuffed. Trudeau is now pleading with Can-

There is much more than meets the ears in the Canada standoff. Context suggests that Trudeau's unproven charges are meant for winning back Beijing's favour

CANADA PLAYS CHINA'S GAME ON INDIA'S BOARD

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ada's Anglosphere allies—Australia, New Zealand, the UK and the USA—to come to Canada's defence. They have expressed concern and asked India to cooperate in the investigations. The US has gone further than the other countries by claiming it had provided information to Canada. This may well be tactical support to a neighbour and an ally. It is also a calculated move to apply pressure on India after the G20 summit. The US remains unhappy with India's stand on the Ukraine war and refusal to condemn Russia.

The US-based Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Pannun has warned Hindus to leave Canada because they do not support the Khalistan project. Pannun, a dual Canadian-American citizen, is a suspected Central Intelligence Agency agent. India has confiscated his properties in

Punjab and is scrutinising the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) status of Khalistani supporters. Cancellation of OCI status will mean Canadian Khalistanis will have to apply for a visa to travel to India.

Canada has been at the forefront of protecting and patronising Khalistani terrorists. Australia, the UK and the USA also are not too far behind. The Indian consulate in San Francisco was attacked by Khalistani goons, as was the Indian High Commission in London. They have attacked Hindu temples in Australia.

Any independent observer would conclude that there is a coordinated approach among Khalistanis in these countries. Canada has been consistently dismissive and callous towards India's concerns over terrorist activities being carried out

TAKE THE ODYSSEUS WAY TO MAKE BETTER CHOICES

SURJITH KARTHIKEYAN

Deputy Secretary at Finance Ministry, Government of India

'bad' me may gain control of, and looks for ways to counter it.

Some people know that they will likely turn off the alarm in the morning, put it out of reach, and go back to bed. They can force themselves to get up or get someone else to force them to get up. To stop the alarm, you have to run behind the clock



Homer's hero Odysseus sealed his shipmates' ears with wax and tied himself to the mast to avoid being waylaid by the seductive songs of the Sirens. His strictness helped him get to his goal. Humans often cannot stick to their plans—this is called myopic discounting in economics

and catch it. Similarly, someone who realises that they cannot stop from looking at Facebook all the time can delete the account. People who are sure that they will smoke if they see cigarettes can avoid buying cigarettes and keeping them near themselves. A person who is sure that he cannot help drinking in company can avoid such friends.

Those who know that the money they get will not stay in their hand, give it to

their wives or the chitti. Arrangements will be made to pay directly into the pension fund from the salary itself.

The occasion of Akshaya Tritiya lights up some people's eyes. Just because of the custom on that day of the year, significant sums of money that would otherwise have been spent is saved as gold. The gold is in the custody of the wife or the children in the form of an ornament, and so the husband does not get to touch it unless absolutely necessary.

The popularity of this Akshaya Tritiya custom is proof that common people have practical wisdom that intellectuals may lack. Many Akshaya Tritiya 'believers' buy gold either because they believe it will bring good tidings, or because they know the mythological story behind it, or because they get caught up in custom. The family gets a reason to put away something for the future, to conduct themselves in a good way, and to justify it all to themselves one way or the other. Even those who have never heard of Odysseus use the way of Odysseus.

Choices are intertemporal, which exemplifies the tradeoff between short-term and long-term outcomes. The rate at which future rewards are discounted varies between people, and this leads to the concept of myopic discounting. Several studies have highlighted that the medial orbitofrontal cortex in the human brain is vital for valuation. As it is related to learning, monitoring, and the memory of reward value, it prefers delayed rewards in an intertemporal choice.

From a policy perspective, an extremely myopic policy results in a negative future economic performance without any present improvement. However, the temporal inconsistency between choices could question a key assumption in economics—that humans are rational.

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Societal threats

Ref: *When a democracy deploys weapons of mass distraction* (Sept 28). The comparison between TV and the Nazi radio was intriguing and well-written. But I feel polarisation and hate speech, plaguing today's media, are threats to society and should have been mentioned rather than focusing on the PM.

Gyan Chaturvedi, Vizianagaram

Propaganda persists

Kajal Basu's column is informative and expressive, reminding the reader that Hitler and his loudspeaker Goebbels are not closed chapters in propaganda. The facts about who owns and controls news must come out. The blowback for the skewed competition to attract public attention depends on the space it can effectively claim.

Vasanthi Surya, email

Bank employees

Ref: *Employees' association announces bank strikes* (Sept 28). It is appalling to note that bank employees are planning strikes due to poor staff strength. While job creation is a serious concern, the inability to fill existing vacancies is paradoxical. The government needs to avoid a sluggish approach, and should create manpower demand and plan for expeditious recruitment.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Railway surveillance

Ref: *Only 10 percent of rly stations in TN under CCTV lens* (Sept 28). The Madras HC has rightly expressed displeasure over the lack of CCTV surveillance in TN's railway stations. The railways ministry should address this and install CCTVs in all stations at the earliest.

S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Cooperative mess

Ref: *Kerala needs to clean up co-op banks' books* (Sept 28). This is an absolute must. It is intriguing that even after the minister stated that there was financial fraud in 399 cooperatives, no perceptible, transparent and effective measures were taken. Politics should not stand in the way of deterrent actions.

C G Kuriaiose, Kothamangalam

English hate

Ref: *Nitish fumes at English signboard on library, asks officials to make amends* (Sept 28). It is unfortunate Nitish lost his cool for this. English is an effective communication tool and helps one access many things in life.

Sankaranarayanan, Chennai



Arjun Munda @MundaArjun
Before 2014, the youth used to think that government job is everything. They were provided new energy through 'PM Munda Yojana' and opened new doors of possibilities for them.



Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
The foul-mouthed MP is now in charge of 'Tonk', where no doubt he will have plenty of opportunities to polarise the electorate even further with his divisive rhetoric!



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
What is the use of making election announcements in the name of beloved sister if girls cannot even get protection and help?

The visionary ensured no one goes hungry in India

Born in the rice bowl of Tamil Nadu, MS Swaminathan was moved by Bengal famine of 1943 and decided to pursue agriculture research

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @Chennai

TAMIL literature calls hunger a formidable enemy that must be trounced. Poet Bharathiya said the whole world must be destroyed even if one individual is denied food. Professor MS Swaminathan, fondly called MS, epitomised these ideals.

Born to MK Sambasivan, a surgeon, and Parvati Thangamm in Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu on August 7, 1925, Swaminathan's upbringing was rooted in social service. Both his parents were nationalists and staunch followers of Mahatma Gandhi. MS's father built a hospital in Kumbakonam to serve the poor and helped control lymphatic filariasis caused by mosquitoes when he was elected chairman of the municipality.

Though he was born in the rice bowl of Tamil Nadu, Swaminathan's motivation to pursue agricultural research came from Bengal. He was greatly impacted by the death and destruction caused by the Bengal famine of 1943 and decided to pursue agriculture research after completing his undergraduate in Zoology in Travancore. Though he got a medical seat and his family wanted him to continue his father's legacy, he joined the agriculture college in Coimbatore.

In the 1960s, he worked closely with Norman Borlaug, a celebrated American farm scientist and 1970 Nobel Laureate, in developing high-yielding wheat varieties. India's food imports from the US peaked in 1966 with the country receiving more than 10 million tonnes. India was in what was called 'ship to mouth' existence when the government decided to promote high-yield variety of crops, use of fertilizer, and irrigation facilities to increase foodgrain yield. Soon there was quantum jump in wheat production that made the country self-sufficient in food production. India stopped import of wheat from the US under Public Law (PL) 480 in 1971.

Though Green Revolution was criticised by many for promoting excessive use of fertilizer and groundwater, MS Swaminathan later said those were the effects of Green Revolution becoming 'greed' revolution.

He also advocated for increasing agricultural productivity in perpetuity without ecological harm through Evergreen Revolution. Talking about establishing the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Swaminathan said that



1) The incredible partnership of Dr MS Swaminathan and Nobel Laureate Dr Norman Borlaug



1) The incredible partnership of Dr MS Swaminathan and Nobel Laureate Dr Norman Borlaug; 2) Daughter Soumya Swaminathan and others in Chennai; 3) The scientist at his lab 4) Icon taking a close look at wheat crop; 5) Taking time off to the cricket field

1925: MS Swaminathan born on August 7 in Kumbakonam

1944: Completes BSc in Agricultural Science at Madras University

1947-49: Joins IARI in New Delhi, focuses on plant genetics

1949-54: Receives UNESCO fellowship, studies potato crop improvement in Cambridge and Wisconsin

1965-70: Leads Green Revolution, boosts wheat yields in India

1979-82: Heads ICAR, establishes weather and crop centres across India

Life & times of MS SWAMINATHAN

1982: Becomes IRRI DG, promotes women in rice cultivation

1987: Wins inaugural World Food Prize for food security work

1988: Establishes MS Swaminathan Commission on Farmers, advocates for reforms

2002: Elected President of Pugwash Conferences, addresses global peace and hunger

2004: Chairs National Commission on Farmers, advocates for reforms

2007-13: Rajya Sabha member, introduces Women Farmers' Entitlements Bill, chairs HLPE for CFS, leads MEA task force

2013-2023: Focuses on nutrition, rural internet, international institutes, advisory roles, sustainable agriculture, awards, farmers' rights, public engagement

AWARDS

1 Padma Shri (1967) 2 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership (1971) 3 Padma Bhushan (1972) 4 Albert Einstein World Award of Science (1986) 5 World Food Prize (1987) 6 International Kalingsa Prize for Popularising Science (1987) 7 Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration (1987) 8 Padma Vibhushan (1989) 9 UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal (1999) 10 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development (2000) 11 World Agriculture Prize (2018)

RF), Swaminathan said that once when Mahatma Gandhi visited his house in Kumbakonam, his mother asked him to give away all the jewels he was wearing to Gandhiji so that it could be spent for the welfare of the poor.

"That event made me realise anything that was superfluous should be given away," Swaminathan had said.

Swaminathan has served as the chairman of the Government of India's National Commission on Farmers, President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Chairman of the High-Level Panel of Experts (of the World Committee on Food Security, Rajya Sabha member, and former director general of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and International Rice Research Institute, among others.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his condolence message, said, "Beyond his revolutionary contributions to agriculture, Dr. Swaminathan was a powerhouse of innovation and a nurturing mentor to many. His unwavering commitment to research and mentor-

ship has left an indelible mark on countless scientists and innovators. I will always cherish my conversations with Dr. Swaminathan. His passion to see India progress was exemplary. His life and work will inspire generations to come. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti."

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin hailed his contribution to agriculture and environment. "I am deeply saddened by the demise of MS Swaminathan who tirelessly worked for the past 75 years to end hunger and ensure food security," Stalin said.

Swaminathan played a pivotal role in developing the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Act 2001. He will be remembered forever for his role in the global recognition of the 'Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere' and Kerala's Kuttanad known for 'traditional cultivation of paddy below sea-level' as a globally important agricultural heritage site.

Former vice-chancellor of Anna University E Balagurusamy urged the Union government to confer Bharat Ratna on Swaminathan.



A visionary who worked endlessly to achieve food security, Swaminathan was rightly called the Father of Green Revolution that ensured our country's self-reliance in food grains

Droupadi Murmu, President of India

MS Swaminathan's steadfast commitment to revolutionising India's agriculture turned us into a food surplus country. His legacy as the Father of the Green Revolution will always be remembered

Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

We were colleagues in the Rajya Sabha and I was vastly enriched by his insights. Both of us were part of the Indian delegation to the Copenhagen Climate Summit, 2009

Sitaram Yechury, CPI(M) leader

MS Swaminathan's demise is an irreparable loss for the agricultural sector of the entire country and the world

Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Agriculture

MS: Iconic scientist passes away at 98, tributes pour in from across country

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR @Chennai

MS Swaminathan, renowned agricultural scientist and Father of India's Green Revolution, passed away at 11.20am at his residence in Chennai on Thursday. He was 98.

He was being treated for age-related illness for quite some time. Swaminathan is survived by three daughters, Soumya Swaminathan, Madhura Swaminathan and Nitya Rao. His wife Mina Swaminathan predeceased him.

Condolences poured in from across the country with President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi praising Swaminathan's service to the nation.

Murmu said Swaminathan left behind a rich legacy, which would serve as a "guiding light to steer the world towards a safer and hunger-free future for humanity". Modi said his groundbreaking work trans-

formed lives of millions and ensured India's food security.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, home minister Amit Shah, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan and several other leaders paid rich tributes to the agricultural icon. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said his last rites would be held with police honours.

According to family members, Swaminathan's last rites will be held on Saturday and his mortal remains will be kept for public viewing at the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) from Friday 8.30am to Saturday 10am.

Born in 1925 in Kumbakonam, Swaminathan earned two undergraduate degrees, including one from the erstwhile agriculture college in Coimbatore, which is now known as Tamil Nadu Agriculture University. He went on to pursue

PhD at the Cambridge University in the UK in 1952. He joined the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in 1954 and was its director from 1961 to 1972.

He collaborated with Norman Borlaug, the celebrated American agricultural scientist and 1970 Nobel laureate, in developing high-yielding wheat varieties. He worked along with Chidambaram Subramaniam, agriculture minister in the Lal Bahadur Shastri's government, and demonstrated how new varieties of seeds would give high yield and help solve India's foodgrain shortage.

His pioneering research helped India become self-sufficient in food production and ended the need for importing foodgrain. According to the World Food Prize Foundation, wheat production doubled in just a few years, making the country self-sufficient and saving millions from extreme food deprivation.

Punjab police arrest Congress MLA Khaira in 2015 drugs case

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Punjab Police on Thursday arrested firebrand Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira in connection with a 2015 drugs case, widening the rift between the Congress and the ruling Aam Aadmi Party in the state. The arrest is also expected to hit the Opposition bloc INDIA, as both the parties are part of the alliance.

The Punjab Congress rallied behind Khaira, terming the arrest political vendetta. It has already made clear its opposition to any tie-up with the AAP in Punjab.

The arrest was made after a police team raided Khaira's Chandigarh residence at 6 am



on Thursday. The police took Khaira to a court in Jalalabad and got a two-day custody till September 30.

There was high drama before the arrest as Khaira's son Mehtab Singh went live on Facebook and confronted the police team, asking them to show the arrest warrant.

The drugs case was registered in March 2015. Nine persons were booked and convicted. The police had recovered 2 kg of heroin, 24 gold biscuits, pistols, and two Pakistani SIM cards from them. Khaira's name cropped up later and an SIT was formed in April his year. Khaira was arrested based on the SIT probe.

Shah, Nadda brainstorm to pick assembly poll candidates

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

AS part of Mission South, the BJP is set to unveil candidate lists ahead of Telangana's December legislative assembly elections. These lists may follow announcements for Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and the remaining Madhya Pradesh seats, likely no later than October 5. Inside sources suggest that the initial candidate list for Telangana's vulnerable assembly seats could coincide with other state releases or shortly after.

A crucial two-day meeting of the party's Central Election Committee (CEC) is scheduled over the weekend to finalise candidates for the upcoming state elections, including Telangana. Prominent figures like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, chief strategist Amit Shah, and national president JP Nadda will be present.

The BJP is diligently crafting an election strategy and aims to conclude candidate discussions before the Election Commission of India announces poll dates. While official poll dates are pending for Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh, the BJP's central leadership has already issued candidate lists for MP, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh. A month ago, they unveiled 21 candidates for Chhattisgarh and 39 for MP.



Senior BJP officials have hinted that the candidate lists, developed in consultation with state units, will be presented during the CEC meeting this weekend. Reports also suggest that some sitting MLAs might not make the cut based on performance, grassroots connections, or feedback.

In a significant move, Rajasthan may join this third CEC meeting, aimed at finalising election-related formalities for the states in question. A meeting in Jaipur was recently held to discuss ticket finalisation with party chief JP Nadda, Amit Shah, and other Rajasthan unit leaders. The BJP might continue its strategy of fielding Union ministers and MPs as candidates, mirroring the approach used in MP.

In Telangana, the appointment of central minister GK Reddy as the state party president has already been completed.



Discussions on poll preparedness for the assembly elections in Telangana and Mizoram are likely to take place during the CEC meeting. Speculations suggest that the Election Commission of India could initiate the electoral process for all poll-bound states in early to mid-October.

The first list of approximately 24-30 candidates for Rajasthan is expected to be released soon, potentially on Sunday evening or Monday morning. The BJP's strategy includes targeting weak constituencies in Rajasthan to bolster their presence and highlight issues related to crime and corruption within the ruling government. The party is also making a concerted effort to make inroads in Telangana, currently under the governance of the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, while the Congress Party is reportedly gaining ground rapidly.

Pradhan launches online module to encourage girl students to take up sports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

UNION education and skill development minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday launched 'CRIIO 4 GOOD', a new online life skills learning module, to promote gender equality among girls and boys.

CRIIO 4 GOOD is a series of eight cricket-based animation films that aim to promote gender parity, equip girls with life skills and encourage their participation in sports.

Speaking at the event, Pradhan highlighted the emphasis of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on gender parity and equal opportunities as a fundamental principle.

"Through CRIIO 4 GOOD, the power of sports and the popularity of cricket can be used as a medium to empower the girl child and spread awareness about gender equity," Pradhan said.

The event was launched in association with the International Cricket Council, UNICEF, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Gujarat's Ahmedabad.

Commenting that the country witnessed history in the making with the passage of Nari Shakti Vandan Adhini-



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Dharmendra Pradhan, Education Minister

yam, Pradhan said the law will take India to the forefront of women-led development.

Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana, who is also the celebrity supporter for ICC-UNICEF CRIIO 4 GOOD initiative, shared the first learning module with over 1,000 students gathered at the event. The module uses the power of cricket to talk about essential life skills and gender equality in a fun, interactive way.

The programme can be accessed free of cost on criio4good.com/crrio4good in English, Hindi and Gujarati.

EXPRESS READ

Processed 1mn visa applications this yr: US embassy

NEW DELHI: Despite the fact that it takes over a year for a fresh US visa application to be processed in India, the US embassy in India has announced that it has processed one million visa applications in the country this year. While it has not specified how many visas have been issued, these numbers reveal not only the high demand among Indians from various categories to obtain US visas, but also the potential contribution to the revenue collected by the US visa department. Lalit Bhasin, national president of the Indo American Chambers of Commerce, expressed the need for the US to reduce visa waiting times for Indians.

■ In C'garh, Cong chief accuses saffron party of making laws for the rich ■ 57 ministers/MLAs from UP, Maha & Gujarat to be deployed in MP

Kharge hits out at BJP for weakening Cong schemes



EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

Only Congress thinks about the poor. BJP destroys the poor and encourages the rich. Those fighting for the poor create history but who work against them get eliminated

Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress president

Appeal to tribals and Dalits

Appealing to the tribals, dalits, poor and backward classes to stand firm in their support to Congress, Kharge said to safeguard democracy, you have to be on the side of the Congress.

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for allegedly weakening the welfare schemes and regulations, launched during his party's rule at the Centre, to help the poor, farmers and labourers.

Participating in the 'Kishak Sah Shramik Sammelan' (farmers-cum-labourers convention) at Balodabazar district, about 90 km from Raipur, the leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha slammed the BJP for making laws aimed for the rich.

"Only Congress thinks about the poor. BJP destroys the poor and encourages the rich. Those fighting for the poor create history but who work against them get eliminated. Today, 5 per cent of the population has control over 62 per cent of the country's assets and 50 per cent of the people possess barely 3 per cent assets. Such a wide disparity created during the BJP's rule," he said.

He dubbed the women's reservation bill as another 'jhumla' (hollow promise) of Modi-led BJP government, accusing it of misleading the people to seek votes, as the quota bill won't be implemented till 2034.

"If the Modi government really has a sincere desire to support the quota for women, the bill should have been put into effect now," said Kharge.



He exhorted the people to teach the BJP a lesson in 2024 election and vote for the Congress.

The Congress president expressed apprehension that the Modi government is attempting to replace the Indian Constitution and sought the people's support to safeguard democracy.

Appealing to the tribals, dalits, poor and backward classes to stand firm in their support to Congress, Kharge said, "If you lose this battle (2024 polls), the Constitution and democracy will not survive in the country. To safeguard both, you have to be on the side of the Congress and its leader Rahul Gandhi."

Kharge and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated 264 development works worth ₹266 crore.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

Close to 15 MLAs and ministers from UP have been given charge of various districts in the poll-bound central Indian state. UP deputy CM Brijesh Pathak has been entrusted with the charge of the capital

A source

Pre-planned strategy

Around 3,000 best booth level workers from various LS constituencies were addressed by the Prime Minister in Bhopal on June 27. They had subsequently spent a week in understanding MP with the party workers.

A large number of party MLAs and ministers from BJP-ruled states, particularly Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, will descend on in poll-bound Madhya Pradesh over the next two months to manage the election for the party. Close to 15 MLAs and ministers from UP have already been given charge of various districts in the poll-bound central Indian state. UP deputy CM Brijesh Pathak has been entrusted with the charge of state capital Bhopal, according to sources.

Seven other ministers of UP have also been given charge of other districts. Among them are Swatantra Dev Singh (in-charge for Satna district), Baby Rani Maurya (Gwalior), Dinesh Pratap Singh (Raisen), Dayashankar Mishra 'Dayalu' (Datia district), Kapil Dev Aggarwal (Damoh), Anil Rajbhar (Seoni) and JPS Rathore (Bhopal division). Second-time MLA from Noida and defence minister Rajnath Singh's son Pankaj Singh has been given the task of poll management in Vidisha district.

Swatantra Dev Singh, former UP BJP chief, in the past was entrusted with the task of winning the three Congress bastions, which remained unconquered in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. His poll strategies and management played a key role in winning the two unconquered Lok Sabha bastions,



Jyotiraditya Scindia's Guna seat and Kantilal Bhuria's Ratlam-Jhabua seat in the 2019 LS polls.

According to a senior MP BJP's organisational leader, the central BJP has sent 57 ministers and MLAs, particularly from Gujarat, Maharashtra and UP, to MP for next two months, while the state's own leaders will be busy in the poll battlefield.

The experiment of engaging BJP leaders and workers from other states in the MP polls was started way back in June. Around 3,000 best booth level workers from various LS constituencies were addressed by PM Narendra Modi in Bhopal on June 27.

They had subsequently spent a week in understanding MP. Just a few weeks later, BJP MLAs from various states, were tasked with the work of meeting BJP workers, people in the state.

3RD TIME

Lalu, Nitish meet, discuss seat-sharing

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

AMID speculations over Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar returning to NDA, RJD chief Lalu Prasad met him at his official residence, Anne Marg in the state capital on Thursday.

Earlier, Nitish had reached the official residence of former CM Rabri Devi to meet Lalu, however, he was not available.

Since it was the third meeting between Nitish and Lalu in recent days, speculations are doing rounds that there must be a strong reason behind it. "There is something serious going on in the grand alliance. That is why top leaders are holding meetings at short intervals," said an RJD leader.

What transpired between the two is not known but it has generated much heat in the state politics over the remarks on "Thakur caste" in Rajya Sabha by RJD MP Manoj Jha.

JD (U) president and MP Raviv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh came to the defence of Jha by contending that the poem cited by him in Rajya Sabha was not written by him but by Omprakash Valmiki. Meanwhile, former MP Anand Mohan launched a blistering attack on Jha for his remarks in Rajya Sabha.

Manipur protest continues as kin wait for bodies of students

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE students in Manipur continued to protest on Thursday against the killing of two students even as the Centre transferred Srinagar Senior Superintendent of Police Rakesh Balwal to the strife-torn state.

A 2012-batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre, Balwal earlier served in the National Investigation Agency on deputation. He was also part of the team that probed the 2019 Pulwama terror attack.

For the third consecutive day, students took out a march in Imphal under the aegis of six students' organisations, demanding justice for 17-year-old girl Hijam Linthoingambi and 20-year-old man Phijam Hemjit.

The fresh unrest broke out after photos of the duo - before and after their death - surfaced on social media on Monday. They were reported missing in the first week of July.

The protestors demanded the arrest of the accused, implementation of National Register of Citizens and removal of central and paramilitary forces from the state. They condemned the 'heinous crimes' committed by security forces in the name of curbing the voices of the protestors and demand-



Agitators rally to protest against the killing of two students on Thursday | EXPRESS

Mob's attempt to attack CM's ancestral house foiled

A mob tried to attack Chief Minister N Biren Singh's empty ancestral house on Thursday night, despite a security clampdown and curfew in the Imphal valley. However, security forces successfully foiled the attempt after firing in the air. RAF and state police personnel fired several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the mob. Power was switched off in the entire area to help reduce visibility of the protestors.

ed an end to alleged human rights violations. Nearly 200 students were injured during the protests.

As the protests have kept Imphal on the edge with the authorities re-imposing the ban on mobile internet services across the state and clamping total curfew in the twin districts of Imphal East and Imphal West, the families of the two students urged the authorities to locate the bodies so the last rites could be performed.

Hijam Kulajit, father of Hijam Linthoingambi, said that a small portion of the clothes she was wearing would be needed to give her a respectful send-off according to Meitei custom. The girl's mother is bed-ridden while Phijam Hemjit's mother still cooks for him, unable to accept his death.

The government has handed over the case to CBI. Meanwhile, a doctor was suspended for posting 'inappropriate comment' on social media.

3 Iranians among 5 held from boat off Gujarat coast

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A suspicious watercraft near Okha in Devbhumi Dwarka district was intercepted on Thursday and five people—three Iranians and two Tamilians—were arrested, Gujarat police said. A satellite phone and drugs were recovered from the boat, officials said.

"A suspicious watercraft was approaching the Signature Bridge in Okha. Three Iranian nationals and one Indian were intercepted. These individuals arrived via boat from Iran," official said.

A satellite phone and 10.02 grams of heroin worth ₹5,01,000 lakhs in the international market from Mohammad Said Balochi, an Iranian national onboard, were recovered, it said. The other two Iranians were identified as Jashem Baluchi and Amir Hussain Baluchi.

During the interrogation, it was found that accused Ashok

Kumar Muthrela, the Indian national onboard, used to work in Oman and took the help of three Iranian fishermen to reach the Gujarat coast as his passport was seized by his sponsor firm, police said.

Anand Kumar Muthrela, the brother of Ashok, was at Okha to pick him up. According to a PTI report, Ashok gave nearly 8,000 Omani Rials to his Iranian friend to arrange a satellite phone, a boat and sailors to help him reach Gujarat, said police.

"Ashok then set sail for Gujarat from Iran with three fishermen. Based on a specific tip-off about the movement of an Iranian boat in our waters, we nabbed the four as soon as the boat arrived," said police.

All five accused have been charged under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, The Passports Act and The Foreigners Act.

1 CRPF JAWAN KILLED, OFFICER HURT IN MAOIST AMBUSH

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

ONE CRPF jawan was killed, while an inspector-ranked officer was injured in IED blasts that occurred during an anti-insurgency operation in the Tonto Thana area of West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on Thursday afternoon.

According to the police, the blast occurred at approximately 12:15 pm while security forces were attempting to detonate three IEDs that had been recovered from a bush.

An inspector and a constable from the Central Reserve Police Force's (CRPF) Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (COBRA) unit were seriously injured in the IED blast. Both were airlifted to Ranchi for treatment, but Constable Rajesh Kumar succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

Constable Rajesh had sustained critical injuries in both of his legs as he accidentally stepped on the IEDs planted by the Maoists earlier.

er. The individuals were identified as Bupendra Kumar, an inspector, and Rajesh Kumar, a jawan.

According to West Singhbhum SP Ashutosh Shekar, two IEDs, each weighing between 5 kg and 8 kg, along with 240 spikes and 31 spike holes, were recovered during the joint operation and were subsequently destroyed by the bomb disposal squad. These two jawans were hit by three IED blasts while advancing during the search operation, said the SP.

The SP stated that the state police, along with the security forces, are continuously conducting operations to neutralize Maoist squads led by top Maoists, including Misir Besra, Patiram Majhi alias Ananda alias Ramesh, Ajay Mahato, Anmol-da, Mochu, Chaman, Sagen Angariya, Kande, and Ashwin, who have been active in the hills and jungles of Tumbahaka, Sarjamburu, Patatorob, and Anjedbera villages.

The Maoists have planted IEDs to hinder security forces

from entering the jungles, resulting in regular incidents of blasts during operations. Unfortunately, this marks the 17th civilian death in Maoist violence - either caused by them or resulting from IED blasts planned by them - in the past 10 months in the hilly terrain within the Kolhan reserve forests in the district.

Interestingly, the Maoists have also distributed pamphlets in villages adjacent to the Kolhan jungles, warning villagers not to venture deep into the jungles, as they may inadvertently step on an IED and lose their lives.

According to the police, despite the fact that Maoists have planted IEDs throughout the area, security forces are advancing slowly into the jungles with full determination and have established several temporary security camps in their core areas.

In the past 11 months, three security personnel have been killed, and 29 have been injured in the Maoist-infested Kolhan jungles of West Singhbhum.

2 scientists find active volcano in Andaman Sea

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

TWO Indian scientists from the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, and their team have discovered an active submarine volcano (crater seamount) in the Andaman Sea, which has been at the epicentre of the seismic zone since it was first observed in 2007. Crater seamount has the potential to erupt at any time leading to earthquakes and even tsunamis in the Java-Sumatra region. The timing of the eruption, however, cannot be ascertained.

In 2018, senior scientist Sriram Gullapalli and senior principal scientist Pawan Dewangan initially substantiated the existence of telltale signs of active gas venting above the shallow submarine volcano, which is located at a depth of 500 metres in the Andaman-Nicobar Volcanic arc. They revisited their findings in 2021 and confirmed the submarine volcano in the Andaman-Nicobar Arc. Their findings were sent for peer review and the paper was published in the prestigious 'Geo-Marine Letters' - an international peer-reviewed journal in marine geology, geo-



Sriram Gullapalli



Pawan Dewangan

physics, and geochemistry - in July this year.

Speaking exclusively to *TNIE*, Gullapalli said for a long time, "ocean scientists have been curious about the Nicobar underwater volcano area in the Andaman Sea. Our interest grew after the Tsunami-causing earthquake in 2004 and thereafter, the increase in the number of earthquake swarms over the past two decades. In November 2007, some of us from the CSIR-NIO conducted a groundbreaking high-resolution multi-beam echo-sounding (MBES) survey over the earthquake swarm region, unveiling the presence of well-developed twin submarine volcanoes. Subsequently, in 2014, we carried out an Ocean Bottom Seismometer (OBS) survey spanning four months, aimed at

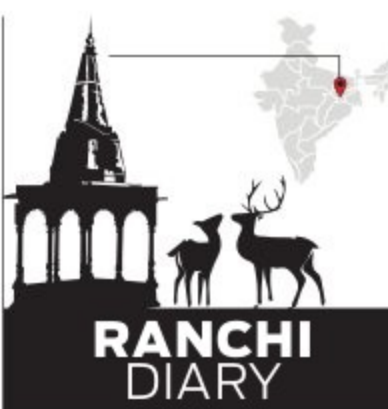
monitoring the volcanic arc. During this period, we detected earthquake swarms characterized by low-frequency and distinct hydro-acoustic phases, indicating the presence of sub-surface tectonic and magmatic influences that were associated with a shallow magma chamber," said Gullapalli.

Building upon this research, Gullapalli and Dewangan, along with some other scientists, undertook two pioneering expeditions onboard the RV *Sindhudh* Sadhana in 2018 and 2021. "Our primary goals were to investigate the volcanic arc using MBES surveys and water column imaging (WCI) and to explore the geological significance of gas flares observed on the cratered seamount or the eye of the volcano. The 2018 expedition marked a pivotal moment in our understanding of the Nicobar volcanic arc," he added. Gullapalli said, "The cutting-edge technology revealed the presence of two gas flares on the outer flanks of the cratered seamount. The first, on the southeast flank, originated at a depth of 710 metres and reached heights of approximately 225 metres from the

ocean surface. Similarly, the second flare on the northwest flank, originated at a depth of 400 metres and ascended to heights ranging from 150 to 100 metres." These gas flares provided compelling evidence of active volcanism in the region, prompting further investigations into its geophysical processes, he explained.

In 2021, the expedition confirmed ongoing volcanic activity in the Nicobar submarine volcanic arc and made unexpected discoveries. "We aimed to remap a gas flare on the northwest flank and find anomalies. Surprisingly, we found a new gas flare to the south, originating at a depth of 380 metres and reaching 150 metres high. This discovery suggested varying venting activities at different seamount locations," said the ocean scientist.

"The CSIR-NIO team is now gearing up for a crucial mission involving the deployment of OBS in the Andaman Sea to monitor the seismic activity of the crater seamount and understand the genesis of earthquake swarms that have been occurring frequently in this region since 2004," said Dewangan.



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JMM eyes Cong seats in 2024 Lok Sabha polls

Ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, political parties have started making their claims over winning seats in Jharkhand and JMM. They want to play the role of 'big brother' in the polls which was earlier played by Congress in 2019 polls. Having a considerable number of vote bank in Khunti, Lohardaga and West Singhbhum, JMM is mulling to contest on these seats, said JMM functionary. Congress on the other hand is making its claim over Godda and Koduma, contested earlier by JMM, which later merged with the BJP. The 14 Lok Sabha seats in Jharkhand were shared by the Congress, JMM and RJD.

CSIR's first battery recycling pilot facility

Jharkhand-based National Metallurgical Laboratory (NML), a constituent lab under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has commissioned a battery recycling pilot facility. According to the officials, it is CSIR's first such facility which will help in reducing dependency on the import of metals like lithium and nickel. This facility encompasses 1 TPD (tons per day) battery dismantling and cathode material separation setup, apart from the integrated large-scale hydro metallurgical facility for extraction and separation of metals.



TSF and IIM-Ranchi to foster knowledge creation

The Tata Steel Foundation will collaborate with the Indian Institute of Management Ranchi to foster social impact and knowledge creation. Both institutes would work on co-design and co-facilitation of courses, exposure and immersive experiences for students at IIM Ranchi. According to IIM officials, the agreement would help create knowledge which shall feature in academic and other publications. They would work jointly to generate valuable insights and knowledge through joint research projects. It seeks to establish a dynamic think tank that will serve as a hub for research and policy development, addressing issues facing Jharkhand.



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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditors, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” basis on **31.10.2023 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of **Rs. 44,56,93,571.39 (Rupees Forty four Crore Fifty six Lakhs ninety three thousand five hundred seventy one and Paise Thirty nine only) as on 31.08.2023** plus further interest thereon and other expenses due to Canara Bank from **M/s Aishwaryagiri Constructions Pvt Ltd**, No.14, Unit No F-2,2nd floor, 10th Cross, 4th Main Rd, Mc Layout, Bengaluru-560040, Also at: No.236,EWS,2nd Stage,2nd Main, 5th Cross,KHB Colony,Basaveshwaramangal Bangalore-560079, rep.by Directors/ Guarantors/ mortgagors **1) Mr.G Jayaramaiah**, S/o Giriappa, No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage 2nd Main,K.H.B.colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, 2) **Mr.Shivakumar**, S/o Giriappa, No.236, 5th Cross, 2nd Stage 2nd Main,K.H.B.colony, Basaveswara Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, Also at: No.147,4th Cross,Jothinagar, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072.

S. No.	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD
1	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (land & building) bearing Municipal no.2 situated at Industrial Workers Layout, Ward no.10, Mahalakshimpuram, PID no 10-68-2,Bangalore earlier BDA site no.2 in Industrial Workers Layout, J B Kaval, Bangalore measuring East to West 60'x58'2" and North to South 40'feet in total 2360 Sqft with building and bounded as: East by: UAC and BDA Land, West by: Road, North by: Site no.1, South by: Site no.3.	2,90,00,000/-	29,00,000/-
2	All that piece and parcel of the Western portion of the plot No.25A, (Khalha No.499, Present BBMP Khalha no.25-A/1 carved out of land in Survey no.38, 48, 49 and 51 situated at Nallakadaranahalli village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently known as Peenya 2nd phase,Industrial area Bangalore and within the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP along with 4 Sq. RCC building and 8 Sq.AC Sheet ground floor with cement flooring, cement and bricks used for construction of wall, steel windows with all civic amenities with 100 HP electricity power and including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto and the plot measuring 33775 Sq.ft bounded as: East by: Remaining portion of Plot no.25A and thereafter Plot no.25B and 25C, West by: KIAOB Board Road, North by: Plot no.25D, South by: KIAOB Board Road.	26,68,00,000/-	2,66,80,000/-
3	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (land & building) bearing Municipal no.101, New PID no.165-W0115-19 (Old PID no.56-107-101) Yellappa Garden, Katriguppa, Ganesh Mandir Bangalore earlier Municipal no.101 (cell earlier House list no.143, Site no.5) and 100/A carved out of east, no.17 of Katriguppa village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 55 feet in total 3300 Sqft with building and bounded as: East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Property no.100.	7,68,00,000/-	76,80,000/-
4	** Vacant site nos 38.46,77,82,96,99,108,125,135,147,148,151,176,185,186,187,191,199,200- 203,222, 223,237,243,255, 258, 261, 262, 269, 270, 284,285,286,288,290-321(Total 68 Sites) located at Sunnagatta Kasaba Hobli,Neelasaandra, Chennanapattana Taluk,Ramanagara Dist.	29,41,00,000/-	2,94,10,000/-

** Details of 68 Sites

1	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 38, Kaneshumari No.300/38 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasabaa Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 30 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No. 39, West by: Site No.32, North by: Property of Venkateshaiah, South by: 20 ft Road.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
2	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 46, Kaneshumari No.301/46 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Property of Nagarajiah, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.45, South by: Site No. 47.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
3	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 77, Kaneshumari No.302/77 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Tammanna, North by: Site No.76, South by: Site No. 78.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
4	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 82, Kaneshumari No.302/82 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 44 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No. 89, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.83, South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand.	30,05,000/-	3,00,500/-
5	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 96, Kaneshumari No.302/96 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No.91, North by: Site No.95, South by: Site No. 99.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
6	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 99, Kaneshumari No.302/99 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 30 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No. 104, West by: Road, North by: Site No.100, South by: Site No.98.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
7	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 108, Kaneshumari No.302/108 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 30 ft and North South (44+45)/2 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No. 109, West by: Site No. 107, North by: Site No.71, South by: 20 ft Road.	30,39,000/-	3,03,900/-
8	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 125, Kaneshumari No.303/125 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West (43'x44'x4'x1/2) ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Road, West by: Site No. 124, North by: Site No.126, South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand.	29,71,000/-	2,97,100/-
9	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 135, Kaneshumari No.303/135 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No. 134, North by: Site No.136, South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
10	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 147, Kaneshumari No.303/147 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No. 146, North by: 20 ft Road, South by: Site No.148.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
11	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 148, Kaneshumari No.303/148 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No. 185, North by: Site No.147, South by: Site No.149.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
12	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 151, Kaneshumari No.304/151 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No. 182, North by: Site No.150, South by: Site No.152.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
13	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 176, Kaneshumari No.304/303/176 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No.157, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.177, South by: Site No.175.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
14	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No.185, Kaneshumari No.304/185 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 27 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No.148, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.186, South by: Site No.184.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
15	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 186, Kaneshumari No.304/186 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as: East by: Site No.147, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: 20 ft Road, South by: Site No.185.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
16	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 187, Kaneshumari No.304/187 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 50 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: 20 ft Road, South by: Site No.188.	45,54,000/-	4,55,400/-
17	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 191, Kaneshumari No.304/191 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.190, South by: Site No.192.	54,65,000/-	5,46,500/-
18	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 199, Kaneshumari No.304/199 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.198, South by: Site No.200.	54,65,000/-	5,46,500/-
19	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 200, Kaneshumari No.304/200 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.199, South by: Site No.201.	54,65,000/-	5,46,500/-
20	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 201, Kaneshumari No.304/201 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 60 ft and bounded as: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.200, South by: 20 ft Road.	81,97,000/-	8,19,700/-
21	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 202, Kaneshumari No.304/202 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 27 ft and North South 60 ft and bounded as follows: East by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, West by: Road, North by: Site No.203, South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand.	36,89,000/-	3,68,900/-
22	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 203, Kaneshumari No.304/203 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West (30'x27'1/2) ft and North South 45 ft and bounded as follows: East by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.204, South by: Site No.202.	29,20,000/-	2,92,000/-
23	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 222, Kaneshumari No.304/222 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by: Site No.221, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.223, South by: Property of Subhadra & Gouthamchand.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
24	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 223, Kaneshumari No.304/223 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by: Site No.220, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.224, South by: Site No.222.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
25	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 237, Kaneshumari No.304/237 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Site No. 248, North by: Site No.236, South by: Site No. 238.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
26	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 243, Kaneshumari No.304/243 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 40 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by: Site No. 242, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Site No.204, South by: Remaining portion of property.	27,32,000/-	2,73,200/-
27	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 255, Kaneshumari No.304/255 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 40 ft and bounded as follows: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra and Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.254, South by: Site No. 256.	54,65,000/-	5,46,500/-
28	All that piece and parcel of immovable property land bearing Plot No. 258, Kaneshumari No.304/258 situated at Sunnaghatta Village, Neelasaandra Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Channappattana Taluk, Ramanagara Dist. measuring East West 60 ft and North South 30 ft and bounded as follows: East by: 20 ft Road, West by: Property of Subhadra and Gouthamchand, North by: Site No.257, South by: Remaining portion of the property.	40,99,000/-	4,09,900/-

The details of Encumbrances, above mentioned properties if any known to the Secured Creditor : (Not known to Bank)

The EMD should be deposited on or before 27.10.2023 up to 3.00 pm.

The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.canarabank.com/english/announcements/sale-notice/kamataka/> provided on the Secured Creditors' Website i.e www.canarabank.com or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch II Bangalore, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9483544116, 080-25310181, during office hours on any working day.

Mode of Auction : E - auction

Date & Time of E-Auction: 31.10.2023 between 11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
[with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale]

Other terms and conditions

- Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://www.indianbankseaction.com>. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
- The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the, participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
- EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, ARM Branch II, RTGS/NEFT IFSCCODE CNRB0006298 on or before 27.10.2023-3.00 p.m..
- Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H - 9480691777 & 8553643144.
- After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 27.10.2023 -3.00 PM, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand or by email.
 - Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
 - Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
 - Bidders Name, Contact No, Address, E Mail Id, iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
- The intending bidders should register their names at service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H - 9480691777 & 8553643144.
- EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
- Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.50,000/-. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again.
- For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty Lacs only) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the applicable rate on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
- All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
- Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
- In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating in the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM Branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
- Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the Bank.
- For further details contact Ranjan Kumar, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2 (9483544116-080-25310181) e-mail id or the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e-mail: eauction@ccsl.co.in Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/Mr.Ramesh T H - 9480691777 & 8553643144

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION/CAUTION

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Place : Bangalore,
Date : 27-09-2023

(Sd/-),
Authorised Officer,
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FIVE
fighters from a secessionist group killed in clashes
with suspected al-Qaida militants in Yemen's south



Beijing	28	B	SNY	Los Angeles	24	17	LC
Colombo	29	25	HR	Melbourne	27	11	HR
Dhaka	33	27	HR	Moscow	23	11	HR
Dubai	37	29	SNY	New York	18	16	HR
Houston	34	29	SNY	Paris	22	11	LC
Istanbul	26	18	HR	Singapore	31	26	SNY
London	19	9	LC	Toronto	20	16	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Hailey seen as strongest performer in GOP debate 2

SIMI VALLEY

SEVEN Republican presidential hopefuls faced off Wednesday for the second Republican primary debate in which former US ambassador to UN Nikki Haley is widely viewed as the strongest performer. Donald Trump, who is so far ahead in the polls, didn't even bother to show.

Haley, the former South Carolina governor, drew larger crowds and new interest after the first debate. Her team raised expectations prior to Wednesday's debate ahead of an expected campaign swing in Iowa. Haley accused Trump of not being tough enough on China while he was president. She picked multiple fights with Ramaswamy, as she did in August. She assailed

him for creating a campaign account on TikTok, the social media app that many Republicans criticize as a possible spy tool for China. "Honestly, every time I hear you, I feel a little bit dumber for what you say," Haley said.

Haley also fought with Senator Tim Scott, her fellow South Carolinian and once her pick to fill the state's open Senate seat. As Scott accused Haley of backing a gas tax as South Carolina governor and upgrading the curtains in her office as United Nations ambassador, Haley responded, "Bring it, Tim."

After a first debate in which he assailed rivals and derided the rest of the field as "bought and paid for," Ramaswamy tried to show a softer side when Haley and others went after him.

YEREVAN

THE separatist government of Nagorno-Karabakh said Thursday it will dissolve itself and the unrecognised republic will cease to exist by year's end after a three-decade bid for independence, while Armenian officials said half of the region's population has already fled.

The dramatic announcement came moments after it became clear that more than half of the rebel region's population had fled to Armenia in the face of advancing Azerbaijani forces.

It drew the curtain on one of the world's longest and seemingly most irreconcilable "frozen conflicts" — one that successive administrations in

Washington and leaders across Europe had failed to resolve in ceaseless rounds of talks.

But it also raised the levels of anger in Yerevan. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan accused Azerbaijan of conducting "ethnic cleansing" and called on the international community to act. Baku's 24-hour blitzkrieg ended with a September 20 truce deal in which the rebels pledged to disarm and enter "reintegration" talks.

Two rounds of talks were held as Azerbaijani forces worked with Russian peacekeepers to collect separatist weapons and enter towns that had remained outside Baku's control since the Caucasus



Lebanese Armenians protest outside the Azerbaijani embassy in Beirut, Lebanon | AP

neighbours first fought over the region in the 1990s.

Azerbaijani troops have now approached the edge of Stepanakert — an emptying rebel

stronghold where separatist leader Samvel Shakhramanyan issued his decree.

"Dissolve all state institutions and organisations under

their departmental subordination by January 1, 2024, and the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) ceases to exist," the decree said.

The republic and its separatist dream have been effectively vanishing since Azerbaijan unlocked the only road leading to Armenia on Sunday.

Armenian government informed more than 70,000 of the region's 1,20,000-strong population had pulled their belonging on top of their cars and left by Thursday afternoon.

Pashinyan said he expected the entire region to clear out "in the coming days." "This is ethnic cleansing of which we were warning the international community about," he said.

ACTOR GAMBON WHO PLAYED DUMBLEDORE IN HARRY POTTER DIES

LONDON

CELEBRATED British-Irish actor Michael Gambon, best known for playing Albus Dumbledore in six of the eight Harry Potter films, has died in hospital aged 82, his family announced Thursday, prompting

a flood of tributes.

Gambon won four television BAFTAs and Olivier awards during an acclaimed decades-spanning acting career across television, film, radio and theatre. It was capped by his beloved role as the headmaster of the wizarding school Hogwarts

in the Potter series.

"We are devastated to announce the loss of Sir Michael Gambon," a statement issued on behalf of his family said.

"Beloved husband and father, Michael died peacefully in hospital with his wife Anne and son Fergus at his bedside, fol-

lowing a bout of pneumonia."

Once described by fellow acting legend the late Ralph Richardson as the Great Gambon, he earned a reputation as one of British theatre's leading lights while enjoying sustained success on the small and big screen. Born in Ireland, he be-

gan his acting career on stage, making his first appearance in a production of *Othello* at the Gates Theatre in the Irish capital Dublin in 1962.

Reacting to the news of his passing, the country's prime minister, Leo Varadkar, called him simply "a great actor".

"Whether performing in Beckett, Dennis Potter or Harry Potter, he gave his all to every performance," the Irish leader said on X, formerly Twitter.

He was nominated for a Tony in 1997 for a part in dramatist David Hare's *Skylight*. AFP



Michael Gambon

North Korea's Kim calls for greater N-arms production amid tensions

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for an exponential increase in production of nuclear weapons and for his country to play a larger role in a coalition of nations confronting the United States in a 'new Cold War', state media said on Thursday.

The Korean Central News Agency said Kim made the comments during a two-day session of the country's rubber-stamp parliament which amended the constitution to include his policy of expanding the country's nuclear weapons programme.

The Supreme People's Assembly's session on Tuesday and Wednesday came after Kim traveled to Russia's Far East this month to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and visit military and technology sites. The trip sparked Western concerns about a possible arms alliance in which North Korea would supply Putin with badly needed munitions to fuel his war on Ukraine in exchange for economic aid and advanced Russian technologies to enhance North Korea's nuclear and missile systems.



As North Korea slowly ends its pandemic lockdown, Kim has been actively boosting his partnerships with Moscow and Beijing as he attempts to break out of diplomatic isolation and join a united front against Washington. He has described the world as entering a "new Cold War" and that North Korea should advance its nuclear capabilities in response.

KCNA's reports on Kim's comments came a day after North Korea confirmed the release of US Army Pvt. Travis King, who is now being flown back to America, two months after he sprinted across the heavily fortified border into the North. King's relatively swift

expulsion defied speculation that North Korea might drag out his detention to squeeze concessions from the United States, and possibly reflected the North's disinterest in diplomacy with Washington.

KCNA said members of the assembly gave unanimous approval to a new clause in the constitution to "ensure the country's right to existence and development, deter war and protect regional and global peace by rapidly developing nuclear weapons to a higher level." AFP

3 killed as gang war over drugs, arms escalates in Sweden

STOCKHOLM

THREE people were killed overnight in separate incidents in Sweden as deadly violence linked to a feud between criminal gangs escalated.

Late on Wednesday night, an 18-year-old man was shot dead in a Stockholm suburb. Hours later, a man was killed and another was wounded in a shooting in Jordbro, south of the Swedish capital.

Early on Thursday, a woman in her 20s died in an explosion in Uppsala, west of Stockholm. The blast, which damaged five houses, is being treated by the police as a murder. Swedish media said the woman who died likely was not the target. Swedish broadcaster SVT noted that the two fatal shootings brings the death toll from gun violence in September to 11, making it the deadliest month for shootings since police started keeping statistics in 2016.

It was not known whether the shootings or the blast were related to each other but Swedish media said at least two of the three events were somehow connected to a feud between criminal gangs, a growing problem in Sweden with drive-

by shootings and bombings. Two gangs, one led by a Swedish-Turkish dual national who lives in Turkey, the other by his former lieutenant are reportedly fighting over drugs and weapons.

Three people have been detained, suspected of complicity in the fatal shooting in Jordbro. Police said that two people have been arrested over the Uppsala explosion, which was so violent that the facades of two houses were blown away.

Earlier this week, two powerful explosions ripped through dwellings in central Sweden, injuring at least three people and damaging buildings, with bricks and window sections left spread outside.

Sweden's center-right government has been tightening laws to tackle gang-related crime, while the head of Sweden's police has said that warring gangs have brought an "unprecedented" wave of violence to the country.

Earlier this week, Justice Minister Gunnar Strömmer reiterated that Sweden will increase the penalty from three years to five years for possessing explosives without a permit as of April 1 when a new legislation enters into force. AFP



Police at the scene where a man was shot dead and another was injured in Jordbro, south of Stockholm on Thursday | AP

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE

P & S.C. No. 169/2023 (CCH-11)
1. Mr. J.N. Shankar, S/o J.K. Nagaraj, aged 30 years, R/at No. 214, Sri Banashankari Nivasam, 38th Main, 2nd Cross, Behind Central Silk Board, BTM 2nd Stage, VTC Bangalore South-560068. ...PETITIONER
AND: 1. Smt. J.N. Geetha Kumari, W/o Late J.K. Nagaraj, aged about 68 years, R/at No. 214, Sri Banashankari Nivasam, 38th Main, 2nd Cross, Behind Central Silk Board, BTM 2nd Stage, VTC Bangalore South-560068. ...RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that, a petition has been made to this court under section 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, by the petitioner praying for issuance of Probate of the will dated 07-04-2021 executed by late Sri J.K. Nagaraj bequeathing the schedule properties in favour of the petitioner and the public and interested person in the schedule properties are called upon to enter their appearance and to answer the petition claim on the date of hearing on 18-11-2023 at 11:00 AM.

All persons claiming to have any interest in issuance of probate to the petitioners relating to schedule property item No. 1 to item No. 6 may come and see the proceedings before grant of probate of the will dated 07-04-2021 registered as document No. BTM3-000042021-22 CD.No.BTM697 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar BTM Layout in favor of the Petitioner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the residential property situated at Khastanahalli No.62, Khata No 137, situated at Attibelle Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, with RCC Building in the Ground and First Floor, constructed on site measuring East to West 36 feet and North to South 84 feet in all 3024 sq feet and bounded on the East by: property of Ramanna S/o Sri Chikkappa, West by: property of Sri Chikka Munivappa, North by: Choultry Property and South by: Road.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing industrial consent, survey No 105/3 measuring 9 1/2 Guntas (Nine and Half Guntas) of land converted vide Conversion order No ALN/SR(S) 253/2001-02, Dated 6-2-2002 on the File of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District and Bounded on East by: Road, West by: property belongs to Gangadhariah, North by: Remaining Portion in the same Sy No 105/3, South by: Remaining portion in the same Sy. No. 105/3.

Item No. 3: All that piece and parcel of the property Dharmapuri Revenue District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub-Registration District, Hosur Taluk, Hosur Town, in the ATACUT of Ramayanaicken Tank in the settlement order SL No 204/M, 103/63 AND Hosur Taluk office DKROC No 26461/77 Dated 11.5.1968, the land bearing survey No 699/3 wet extent 1.62 assessment 14.08 out of the boundaries of extent 3.98 cents bounded by East by: 3.48 cents plot owned by Mrs. Seetha Jayaram, West by: S.No. 89/02 and 692, North by: 15 feet private Road, South by: Lakshmi Lodging Plot measuring East to West (North side 50 feet) East to West (South side 41 1/2 feet) North to South (East and West side 38 feet) Extent 1780 sq feet or 3.08 cents.

Item No. 4: All that piece and parcel of the property Dharmapuri Revenue District, Krishnagiri Registration District, Hosur Sub-Registration District, Hosur Taluk, Hosur Town, in the ATACUT of Ramayanaicken Tank in the settlement order SL No 204/M, 103/63 AND Hosur Taluk office DKROC No 26461/77 Dated 11.5.1968 and bearing sy No 699/3 wet extent 0.23 ac Assessment 2.00 out of the boundaries of extent 3.98 cents bounded by East by: 3.48 cents plot owned by Mrs. Seetha Jayaram, West by: S.No. 89/02 and 692, North by: 15 feet private Road, South by: Lakshmi Lodging Plot measuring East to West (North side 50 feet) East to West (South side 41 1/2 feet) North to South (East and West side 38 feet) Extent 1780 sq feet or 3.08 cents.

Item No. 5: The Amount Rs.1,80,73,948.19 in the testators credit in the current Account No 33793756117 maintained in the state Bank of India Bommamahal Branch with code 1285 with IFSC CODE SBIN0011285 belonging to Sri Nagamuneshwara Agencies.

Item No. 6: Shares in M/s Sri NAGAMUNESHWARA Agencies and Assets and Funds Both Moveable and Immovable which are bearing to the permanent Account Number of Income Tax Department bearing No ACI F567766 In respect of Firm which is owned by him as well as in his individual capacity bearing permanent Account Number of Income Tax Department bearing No ADEPN1521A and HUF No AAFHJ7984R.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the General Public that, my client M/s. Shripad Developers, represented by Sri Venu Krishnappa, # 15/15A, Vinayaka Layout, Parappana Agrahara Bangalore - 560 100 is intending to enter into a Joint Development Agreement for construction of Apartments, in the Schedule Property herein mentioned and negotiated for the same with its sole owner Mrs. Vimala Kota, who had acquired the same through the Registered Sale Deed dated 8th December, 2004 Registered as Document No. BAS-1-22539/2004-05, stored in CD No. BASD 117 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South and Rectification Deed dated 21st December, 2009, Registered as Document No. BGR-1-03073-2009-10, stored in CD No. BGRD30 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore Urban District.

Any person's having any claim or asserting any rights or interest in the Schedule Property in any manner, may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence, by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Fifteen Days from the date hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to enter into the Joint Development Agreement in respect of the Schedule Property from the aforesaid owner on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Site No. 18A, formed in converted land bearing Sy. No. 34, Khata No. 265, situated at Kalena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of Bruthath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, bearing Near Khata No. 9268/18A, Ward No. 194-Gottigere, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 46 Feet and North to South: 77*42 Feet in all measuring 3180 Sq.Ft. and bounded by:
East by: Property bearing Site No. 20,
West by: Property bearing Site No. 18
North by: Private Property
South by: Road

N. Channekrishnappa, Advocate
No.57, 1st Avenue, Teachers Colony, Koramangala Post, Bangalore-560034,
Email id: ncklaw@gmail.com
Mobile: 94480 23809
Date: 29-09-2023 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOSS OF DOCUMENTS

This is hereby informed that our client intends to verify the right, title, interest and ownership of Smt. RENATA MOULIK Daughter of Shri Tushar Kant Moulik residing at Municipal No. 187, PID 67-8-187 situated at 18th A Main Road, VI Block, Koramangala, Bangalore (owner) with respect to the property described in the schedule (Schedule Property) and transact thereof. The owner has represented that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property, and no other persons have any manner of right, title, interest and ownership thereon.

Public is also notified that the owner has lost or misplaced the following documents 1)Original Allotment Letter in favour of Shri. N.K. Sarveswara, 2) Original Possession Certificate bearing No. 19076-77 dated 29.09.1981 in favour of Shri. N.K. Sarveswara, 3) Original BDA Kathina favour of Shri. N.K. Sarveswara 4) Original sanctioned plan dated L.P. No. KML 033581-82 dated 29.09.1981 sanctioned by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Shri. N.K. Sarveswara, 5) Original Katha Certificate in favour of Shri. Brijesh R. Wahi, 6) Original Registered Gift Deed executed by Smt. Nandita Lakshmanan in favour of her husband Shri. Sharan Lakshmanan dated 26.03.2014 vide Document No. BMH-1-10658-2013-14 entered in Book No.1 stored in CD BMH669 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bommamahal, Bangalore, original Katha Certificate in the sole name of Shri. Sharan Lakshmanan.

She inherited title and ownership to the schedule property through a WILL dated 20.01.2016 executed by Shri. Sharan Lakshmanan.

She has lodged Police Complaint through their Portal vide Last Report No. 0745143/2023 dated 27.09.2023 under personal contact Shyam Realtors on mobile No. 9845333773 email shyamrealtors@gmail.com

Public is notified that any person's having any right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule Property or on the above lost documents under any agreements / mortgage / understandings or otherwise are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents within 10(Ten) days from the date of this notice failing which the purchaser shall proceed with the intended transaction with the owner with regard to the schedule property, as if no claims exist or as if they have been waived abandoned and the certified copy of the Gift Deed shall be deemed as the Original Gift Deed for all intents and purposes.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGALURU

BSNL Building / 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 589/2021 23/12/2021

Canara Bank, SME Branch, D-473, 13th Cross, 4th Phase, Rattiyappa Udyan, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru - 560 097.

...CERTIFICATE HOLDER

VERSUS

M/S. ARVIND BHARATH TECHNOLOGIES AND OTHERS

TO
1) M/s. Arvind Bharath Technologies, No.3 And 41st Cross, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Peenya Industrial Area Bengaluru - 560 097, Represented by its Partners Mr. S.H. Arvind And Mrs. S.H. Bharathi Kumar
2) Mr. S.H. Arvind S/o. Mr. Hanumanthappa, Partner of M/s. Arvind Bharath Technologies, Residing at: No.179, 1st Cross, 8th Main Remoo Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040.
3) Mr. S.H. Bharath Kumar S/o. Sri. S. Hanumanthappa, Partner of M/s. Arvind Bharath Technologies, Residing at: No.15, 13E Cross, Kempagowdanagara, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 091.

RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer; nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department

Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on 10-08-2023 by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was returned by Mr. Bhudram & Mrs. Chouthi Devi. Hence this.

No.1) Mr. Bhudram, S/o. Jorarami, No.115, C.K.C. Garden, Mission Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. Also At, Mr. Bhudram, S/o. Jorarami, No.1045750, Above Samsung Show Room, Choultry Palaya, Near G T World Mall, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023. No.2) Mrs. Chouthi Devi, W/o. Bhudram, No.115, C.K.C. Garden, Mission Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. Also At, Mrs. Chouthi Devi, W/o. Bhudram, No.1045750, Above Samsung Show Room, Choultry Palaya, Near G T World Mall, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023. No.3) M/s. De Zone Collection, 2nd Floor, Shop No.41, LUM Plaza, D S Lane, Chickpet, Bangalore - 560053. Also At M/s. De Zone Collection, No.26, 2nd Floor, D K Lane, Behind S S Jain, Chickpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. Also At, M/s. De Zone Collection, Shop No.9, Basement Floor, Sharma Complex, Chick Pet, Bangalore - 560053.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub : Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch in the name of Mr. Bhudram.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFESI Act on 10-08-2023 calling upon Nos. 1 & 2 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501312030012464 is Rs.39,19,412/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve only); as on 07-08-2023 with further interest for 501312030012464 at 12.75% plus 2.00% per annum interest (not compounded) with monthly rests from 08-08-2023 till the date of repayment. The Notice sent to you by Registered Post has been received by No.3 of you and returned by Nos.1 & 2. Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos. 1 & 2 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501312030012464 is Rs.39,19,412/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Twelve only); with further interest for 501312030012464 at 12.75% plus 2.00% per annum interest (not compounded) with monthly rests from 08-08-2023 till the date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this Notice failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Note : That our 054-Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (SECURED OD WITHOUT DP : 512120020034292) dated 28-02-2020 requested by No.3 of you represented by No. 2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of Rs.10,00,000/- at a ROI of 13% and the outstanding balance as on 07-08-2023 is Rs. 10,39,109/- plus further interest and per annum interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 08-08-2023 till the date of repayment.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

(Properties Owned by Mr. Bhudram, S/o. Jorarami)

Schedule - A

All that Piece and Parcel of the Immovable Property Bearing Site No.38/5, Located at Bangalore, Doddabayalu Khane, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore, C K C Garden, Old Ward No.48, New No.118, Measuring : East to West (65 + 66)2 Feet and North to South (40 + 28)2 Feet, Totally Measuring about 2,227 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on the : East by : Remaining Portion of Property belongs to Mrs. Lalana, North by : Road, South by : Property of Chennamma School, West by : Private Property.

Schedule - B

Flat Bearing No.301, in Third Floor of the Apartment Building Known as Advait Ashray Having a Super Built-Up-Area of 853 Sq. Ft., Vitrified and Semi Vitrified Flooring, Doors and Windows made out of Sal Wood with all amenities, Containing 2 Bedrooms, together with 263 Sq. Ft. Undivided Share of Land Comprised in Schedule-A Property With one Car Parking Basement.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 29-09-2023

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287,

Telephone No. 0435-2402322, Fax : 0435-2431746, Website : www.cityunionbank.com

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APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC REGARDING MISPLACED ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

The General Public is hereby informed that the original Sale Deed dated 16/06/2004 duly executed by Mr. K. Radhakrishna and others in favour of Mr. Ashok Suvarna S/o. Mr. B.V. Suvarna, registered as document No. KEN-1-09579/2004-05 stored in CD No.KEND 93 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bengaluru has been misplaced while in the custody of my client M/s. Canara Bank, Employees Housing Finance Cell, South End Road, Bengaluru. Inspite of best efforts by my client M/s. Canara Bank, Employees Housing Finance Cell, South End Road, Bengaluru they are unable to trace the said original sale deed. My client has lodged a police complaint in this regard. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please hand over the same to the undersigned within 7 days. Failing which, my client will be constrained to take legal action against the person who has mislaid the said document has been irretrievably lost or destroyed.

DETAILS OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT LOST / MISPLACED
original Sale Deed, dated 16/06/2004 duly executed by Mr. K. Radhak



TMB MD, CEO S Krishnan quits citing personal reason

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank managing director and CEO S Krishnan on Thursday tendered his resignation citing personal reasons.

The resignation comes a week after an account holder of TMB was wrongly credited ₹9,000 crore. The Board of Directors of the bank in a meeting held on Thursday has accepted Krishnan's resignation and forwarded the same to RBI for their guidance and advice. Krishnan will continue to be the MD & CEO till the guidance /advice received from RBI. In his resignation letter addressed to the board, Krishnan said though he still has about 2/3rd of term to go, due to personal reasons, he has decided to resign as MD & CEO of the bank. "However, in as much as the bank has only one whole-time director, I will seek the guid-



ance of RBI in this regard," reads his resignation letter.

Krishnan has claimed during his 13-month tenure as the MD and CEO, the bank took various measures to fortify it and make it future ready. "These include business process engineering, a digital transformation, strengthening the systems and procedures to make it more robust, enhancing the skill set, strengthening the risk matrix, imbuing the compliance culture etc," he said.

Festive sales to generate over 7 lakh gig jobs

Ecommerce companies consider October sales as their biggest event and offer steep discounts to boost sales

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

EVEN as e-tailers are gearing up for the festive season sales, ecommerce industry forecasts to generate over seven lakh gig jobs by the end of second quarter of financial year 2023-24.

Flipkart and its rival Amazon will kickstart their respective festive sales from October 8. Announcing the Big Billion Days Sale, Walmart-backed Flipkart said the event will go on till October 15 and announced discounts across various categories.

It said over 1.4 million entrepreneurs will participate in the sale. The ecommerce company will use generative AI-powered conversational assistant, 'Flippi', which will replicate the in-store experience. It will also make use of augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) capabilities to allow customers



FESTIVE SALE

FLIPKART'S BIG BILLION DAYS SALE WILL START FROM
Oct 8

AMAZON TOO WILL KICKSTART ITS GREAT INDIAN FESTIVAL FROM
Oct 8

IT STARTS ON OCT 7 MIDNIGHT FOR PRIME MEMBERS

SOFTBANK-BACKED MEESHO TO GENERATE 5 LAKH JOB OPENINGS THIS FESTIVE SEASON



Indian ecommerce is booming with major conglomerates invested in the sector and this festive season may touch new peaks — Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD and CEO of CIEL HR Services

to visualise products in real-life settings. Amazon too announced its Great Indian Festival will begin from October 8 with various discounts and deals. Ecommerce companies

consider October sales as their biggest event and offer steep discounts to boost sales growth.

"Indian ecommerce is booming with all major conglomer-

ates heavily invested in the sector and this festive season is expected to touch new peaks with steepest online discount since Covid 19," said Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD and CEO

MYNTRA EXPECTS 8 MILLION CUSTOMERS TO SHOP DURING ITS BIG FASHION FESTIVAL
REDSEER REPORT SAYS FESTIVE SALE MAY TOUCH ₹90,000 CRORE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023

of CIEL HR Services. He expects the growth to be driven by tier 2 and 3 cities in India and hiring in the sector will increase by 20% over the previous year.

Myntra too on Thursday announced that its upcoming Big Fashion Festival will offer 23 lakh styles from over 6,000 brands and it expects eight million customers to shop during the event. As part of the festive hiring ramp-up, Myntra has increased its women hiring to 21%. It said in addition to the supply chain, of the total hires in the contact centre this festive season, 45% will be women hires. Earlier this week Meesho said it will generate five lakh job openings this festive season.

TeamLease in its recent report said the surge in shopping activity is projected to generate about seven lakh gig jobs in the second half of 2023.

'Tax notice to e-gaming firms for GST evasion'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal on Thursday said show cause notices have been issued to e-gaming companies for alleged goods and services tax (GST) evasions, based on data.

He stated that the tax demands are in accordance with legal provisions. "The department is taking a uniform stand in interpretation of the law, and accordingly, show cause notices are being issued," Agarwal said. Agarwal further added that the government is fully prepared to implement the amended provisions, effective October 1, which include im-



posing a 28% tax on online gaming, casinos, and horse racing, along with mandatory registration for offshore online gaming platforms.

The GST Council had approved amendments in July and August to classify online

gaming, casinos, and horse racing as taxable actionable claims, subjecting them to a 28% GST on the full bet value. Parliament subsequently passed the amendments to the Central GST and Integrated GST laws to give effect to the

Council's decision.

Following the legislative changes, e-gaming companies such as Dream11 and Delta Corp received show cause notices for alleged non-payment of GST at 28% on the full face value of bets placed on their platforms. Agarwal said the challenges to provide an estimate of the tax amounts due from these e-gaming companies as data is still being collected.

Agarwal emphasised that the government is fully prepared to implement the amended provisions from October 1. The related notifications are currently under process, and it is crucial for all states to pass the necessary laws or issue ordinances by September 30.

STAKE SALE

IHC to offload stake in two Adani firms

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AS part of its rebalancing strategy, Abu Dhabi-based IHC Capital Holding LLC on Thursday said it will dispose of its investment in Adani Green Energy Ltd and Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (formerly Adani Transmission Ltd).

According to sources aware with the development, IHC has a total exposure of \$2.4 billion in the Adani Group and they are just encashing \$350/400 million by selling a stake in the two firms. This was not confirmed by the Abu Dhabi based company.

Adani group had last year announced a \$2 billion investment from IHC in three Adani group companies, which included investments of \$463 million each in Adani Green and Adani Energy Solutions.

IHC Capital's subsidiaries, Green Energy Investment Holding RSC Ltd and Green Transmission Investment Holding RSC Ltd, have entered into a definitive agreement with a buyer to dispose of their FDI investments in the two Adani firms, the company said in a statement.

IHC is currently completing all required procedures and obtaining all necessary regulatory approvals to implement the signed transaction. Green Energy Investment holds a 1.26% stake in Adani Green Energy while Green Transmission Investment holds a 1.41% stake in Adani Energy Solutions.

Market crashes 1% on concerns over rising oil prices

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

Domestic equity market fell sharply on Thursday with benchmark indices -- BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty50 -- crashing nearly 1% on weak global cues amid a sharp jump in crude oil prices and selling pressure across the IT pack.

Brent Crude prices have now surged over \$97 a barrel, the most in over 10 months over tight global supply.

The market was also volatile on the last session of the monthly F&O expiry. Investors are watchful of inflationary pressures and fears of another interest rate hike. Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors (FII) continue to pull out from the Indian market as US bond yields have climbed to a 10-year high. FII net sales stood at over Rs 3300 crore on Thursday.

"World stocks were on track for their longest losing streak in two years on Thursday as the sight of oil prices heading for \$100 a barrel compounded concerns about persistently high global interest rates while persistent fears of higher U.S. interest rates and concerns over China's beleaguered property market also dented sentiments," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. Vinod Nair, head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said if crude contin-



ues to stay above the \$90 level, it will be a threat to inflation and boil the operational margins. India is the world's third-largest importer of crude oil and a continuous rise in global prices is triggering inflation risks.

"Globally, US GDP data and the FED chief speech will be watched carefully which will set the future trend. Currently, the combination of higher interest rates and US bond yields are influencing FIIs to stay in the selling mode," added Nair.

The Sensex crashed 610 points, or 0.92% to close at 65,508 levels, while the Nifty settled at 19,524, down 193 points or 0.98%. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms fell by ₹2,95,144.09 crore to ₹3,16,65,937.80 crore. Broader indices were under selling pressure on Thursday with the SBE Midcap falling 1.19% and the BSE Smallcap shedding 0.34% points.

EXPRESS READ

Air India staff to soon have new uniforms

NEW DELHI: Air India on Thursday announced its partnership with fashion designer Manish Malhotra to design uniforms for over 10,000 staff on the frontline, including cabin crew, cockpit crew, ground and security staff. It expects to start rolling out the new look for its uniformed employees by the end of 2023. *ENS*

Valiant Lab public issue subscribed 71% on day 2

NEW DELHI: The initial public offer (IPO) of pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturing firm Valiant Laboratories was subscribed 71% on day two of subscription on Thursday. The initial share sale received bids for 54,25,770 shares against 76,23,030 units on offer, as per NSE data. *ENS*

Home sales peak in high-interest season

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

HIGH interest rates are no longer deterring home buyers as data for the July-September quarter showed that housing sales hit a record. This is notable because the monsoon months are considered weak for the realty sector.

According to the latest data by property consultant Anarock, sales across the seven cities in India surged to 1,20,280 units in the third quarter of 2023 against 88,230 units a year ago. This translates to a 36% annual sales growth.

Among the top seven cities, MMR (Mumbai Metropolitan

Region) recorded the highest housing sales at 38,500 units, followed by Pune with 22,880 units.

Cumulatively, the two western cities accounted for 51% of total sales seen across the top seven cities in Q3 2023.

When combined with the Southern cities of Bengaluru and Hyderabad, the four cities accounted for 91% of the sales in the quarter.

Housing sales in the National Capital Region grew at 6% to 15,865 units, while in Chennai the same grew by 46% to 4,940 units. Kolkata reported a modest growth of 7% to 5,320 units.



VI market share shrinks

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE market share of Vodafone Idea, once the largest telecom service provider, fell below 20% in July 2023 owing to depleting subscriber base.

According to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) monthly subscription data, in July 2023, the market share of Vodafone Idea shrunk to 19.92%. The country's third-largest telco lost nearly 1.3 million subscribers to its competitors. Meanwhile, its competitors Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel kept on gaining their subscriber base every month, and strengthening their market share. Reliance Jio holds 38.60%, Bharti Airtel 32.74% and state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) 8.74%.

India's external debt rises by \$4.7 bn to \$629 bn; debt-GDP ratio at 18.6%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

The country's external debt-to-GDP ratio at 18.6% at the end of June quarter was lowest in over 12 years even as the external debt in absolute terms increased by \$4.7 billion to \$629.1 billion during the quarter.

The external debt-to-GDP ratio fell to 18.6% by June-end 2023 from 18.8% at March-end. The government's external debt at June-end stood at \$132.8 billion, showing a slight decline over the March-end figure of \$133.3 billion. The government's external debt-to-GDP ratio has dropped to 3.9% in June-end from 4% in March-end. Non-government debts rose 1% to \$496.3 billion by June-end from \$491 billion at the end of March quarter.

External debt comprises loans (multilateral and bilateral credits and bank loans) accounting for \$207 billion of total \$629 billion.

Other major components include currency and deposits (\$144 billion), trade credits (\$119.3 billion) and debt securities (\$105.7 billion). Dollar-denominated debt remained the largest component of the external debt, with a share of 54.4%



Current account deficit shrinks to \$9.2 bn in Q1

NEW DELHI: The country's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to \$ 9.2 billion, or 1.1% of GDP, at the end of June 2023 quarter from \$ 17.9 billion, or 2.1% of GDP, a year ago. However, the CAD was higher than \$1.3 billion (0.2% of GDP) in the preceding quarter. "The widening of CAD on a quarter-on-quarter basis was primarily on account of a higher trade deficit coupled with a lower surplus in net services and decline in private transfer receipts," said a statement by RBI. The CAD is expected to widen further as the average merchandise trade deficit was higher in July-August as against June quarter, and the recent rise in crude oil prices. *ENS*

by June-end, followed by debt denominated in rupee (30.4%), SDR (5.9%), yen (5.7%), and the euro (3%).

Rupee denominated debt is composed of outstanding state credits (both defence and civilian) extended to India by the

erstwhile Union of Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR); rupee-denominated NRI deposits; foreign portfolio investor's (FPI) investments in treasury bills (TBs) and dated securities; and FPI investments in corporate debt securities.

Ashok Soota sells 1.11% shares in Happiest Minds

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

HAPPIEST MINDS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED promoter and executive Chairman Ashok Soota on Thursday sold about 16.93 lakh equity shares of Happiest Minds, about 1.11% of his holding in the company through the NSE and the BSE.

His stake came down from 51.24% in the company to 50.13%. This transaction was primarily done to fund the capital requirements of SKAN, the not-for-profit medical research firm, floated by him and enhance the share capital of Happiest Health. Headquartered in Bengaluru, Happiest Minds has operations in the US, UK, Canada, Australia, and the Middle East. The IT company's first quarter net profit stood at Rs 58.33 crore. The company has set a goal of achieving \$1 billion by 2031. The company reported revenues at Rs 390.87 crore for the June quarter, and its total income stood at Rs 404.53 crore. In July, the company completed a Rs 500 crore (\$61 million) capital raise through a Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) of equity shares.

'Banks ready to implement 20% TCS on foreign tour packages from Oct 1'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE government is all set to implement a higher tax collection at source (TCS) rate of 20% on spending above ₹7 lakh for foreign tour packages under the liberalised remittance scheme (LRS) starting from October 1.

As per a top Finance Ministry official, this time the banks have not flagged any concern regarding the implementation of higher TCS. "Earlier, the banks were not able to implement the required technology to collect higher TCS on overseas payments. But after we extended the deadline, they got enough time to do the trials and all geared up for the same," a top Finance Ministry official said. Another banking official echoed the same and said that the banks are ready with the system for higher TCS collection from October 1 and they will be able to deal with the teething troubles.

Currently, funds transferred abroad under the Reserve Bank's LRS attract a 5% TCS on amounts exceeding Rs 7 lakh. The government in Budget this year increased the rate of TCS to 20% on overseas tours and



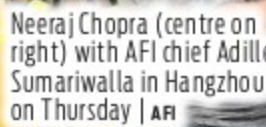
any other cases (except for educational and medical expenses). Individuals will have the option to claim credit for the TCS amount paid while filing income tax returns for the applicable assessment year. These changes were initially announced in the Budget 2023-24, and the implementation of higher TCS rates was initially scheduled for July 1. However, the Finance Ministry later deferred the implementation to October 1.

On expenses exceeding ₹7 lakh for medical treatment and education will continue to attract only 5% TCS.

Individuals availing loans for overseas education, a lower TCS rate of 0.5% will continue

to be levied on amounts above the ₹7 lakh threshold.

Under the scheme, individuals can remit up to \$2.5 lakh annually overseas without requiring approval from the RBI. Remittances exceeding this limit would need approval from the RBI. It's important to note that earlier, using an international credit card for expenses incurred abroad was not subject to TCS as it fell outside the purview of LRS. Now it comes under the purview of LRS. In the previous financial year, remittances under the LRS surged from \$12.68 billion in 2020-21 to \$19.61 billion in 2021-22. In the following year, remittances exceeded \$24 billion.



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Madhya Pradesh ▶ Marching Towards Green Revolution

MP EMERGES AS THE WHEAT STATE OF INDIA

Madhya pradesh has ascended as "The wheat state of india" with a remarkable 352.73 lakh metric tons of wheat production, a testament to its agricultural prowess and visionary policies

Madhya pradesh has proudly claimed the title of "The wheat state of india" over the past decade and a half, showcasing a remarkable increase in wheat production. Starting at a modest 73.64 lakh metric tons in 2002-03, the state has scaled up its wheat production to an impressive 352.73 lakh metric tons, currently contributing a substantial 45% to india's total wheat exports. This meteoric rise in wheat production can be attributed to the dedication of its farmers and the visionary agricultural policies of chief minister shivraj singh chauhan.

Madhya Pradesh: a leading state in wheat production

Madhya pradesh now stands at the forefront among wheat-producing states in india, surpassing traditional wheat hubs like punjab and haryana. This surge in wheat production can be attributed to several key factors:

- **Adequate Electricity Supply:** farmers enjoy a 10-hour uninterrupted power supply, boosting agricultural productivity.
- **Effective Irrigation:** strategic measures such as groundwater recharge and modern irrigation systems ensure water availability for all fields.
- **Access to Credit:** interest-free loans have bolstered farmers' confidence and investment in wheat cultivation.
- **Quality Inputs:** timely access to high-quality seeds and fertilizers and advancements in seed varieties have

played a pivotal role.

- **Crop Loss Relief:** liberal relief measures for crop loss due to natural calamities have provided a safety net for farmers.
- **Enhanced Storage Capacity:** the state's storage capacity has expanded significantly, from 79 lakh metric tons in 2010 to 218.93 lakh metric tons, the highest in the country.
- **Efficient Procurement:** improved procurement arrangements in mandis, electronic payment systems, and it-based procurement have streamlined the process for farmers.

Rapid growth in wheat production

Over the past decade, mp's wheat production has seen remarkable growth. In 2004-05, wheat cultivation covered only 42 lakh hectares, yielding 73.27 lakh metric tons with an average productivity of 1821 kg per hectare. Today, the wheat acreage has expanded to 64.22 lakh hectares, producing a whopping 219.18 lakh metric tons at a productivity rate of 3502 kg per hectare

MPWheat: quality and appeal

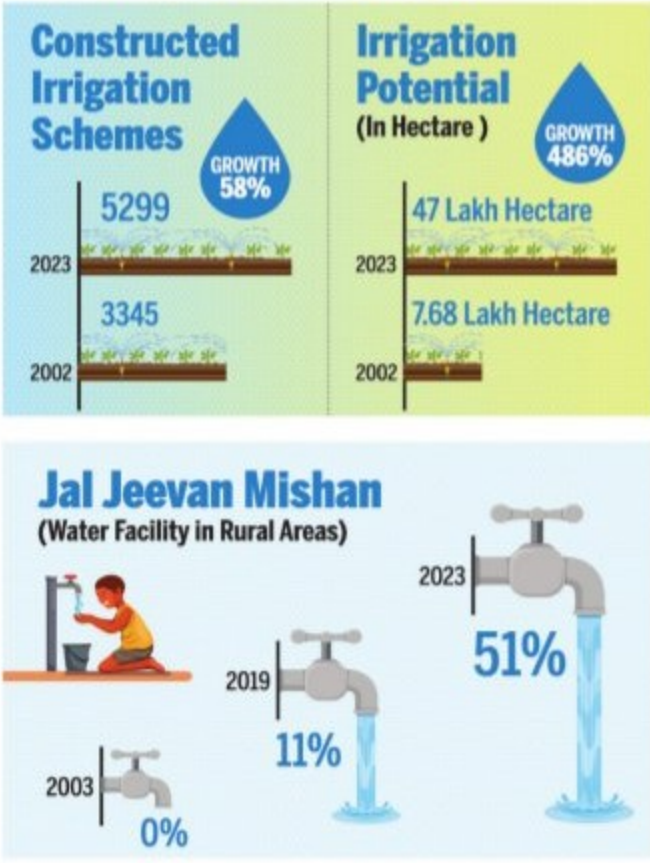
Madhya pradesh's wheat has gained international acclaim for its exceptional quality. Wheat varieties from the state have been in high demand, especially sharbati and durum wheat, renowned for their natural sweetness. Countries like germany, the usa, italy, the united kingdom, uae, south africa, and others import wheat from madhya pradesh, and this export trend is on a steady incline.



The wheat's popularity can be attributed to its impressive nutritional content, with hard species boasting rich protein, iron, manganese, and zinc levels. These attributes have boosted its market value, fetching premium prices in the international arena.

Paving the way forward

Madhya pradesh has played a pioneering role in seed production, with over 51 wheat varieties developed, including four recommended for nutritious food items. The state's procurement system has been recognised as the best in the country, providing farmers with electronic payment options and saving them valuable time. Looking ahead, the state has laid out a comprehensive roadmap to double farmers' income, focusing on cost reduction, increasing productivity, crop diversification, fair pricing, and disaster mitigation. These initiatives aim to empower farmers, enhance agricultural sustainability, and solidify madhya pradesh's position as the wheat state of india.



MP's Magnificent journey of excellence in farming

Under the leadership of Cm Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Madhya Pradesh's relentless pursuit of agricultural excellence has secured it the National krishi karman award for the seventh time in 2022, illuminating a legacy of continuous achievements



Agricultural Milestones: Madhya Pradesh's Illustrious Journey

Inaugural triumph (2011-12): madhya pradesh won the krishi karman award with a staggering 160.16 lakh tonnes of food grains, including 105.80 lakh tonnes of wheat. A proactive approach ensured the procurement of 73.53% of total food grain production.

Pushing boundaries (2012-13): the state's second krishi karman award recognised its remarkable production and productivity of food grains - 234.17 lakh tonnes and 1657 kg/ha. Wheat reached 131.33 lakh tonnes and 2478 kg/ha, surpassing prior records.

Rice and pulses excellence (2012-13): achieving 27.75 lakh tonnes of rice and 49.81 lakh tonnes of pulses marked new highs. The state's dedication led to 25.27 lakh tonnes of coarse cereals.

Innovations drive success: innovations like

Madhya pradesh's splendid journey of agricultural excellence stands as a testament to innovation, unwavering commitment, and consistent growth. As the krishi karman award continues to recognise its remarkable achievements, the state government's relentless efforts have transformed madhya pradesh into a beacon of progressive farming practices on the national stage.

expanding canal irrigation (9.71 to 22.13 lakh hectares) and adopting the system of rice intensification (sri) energised fallow lands. Storage capacity surged and dedicated 10-hour power supply boosted progress.

Sustained growth (2014-15): production surged to 254.893 lakh tonnes, irrigating 3.26 lakh hectares. 2400 seed growers' cooperatives ensured quality and 29.45 lakh quintals of certified seeds were produced. Line sowing covered 4.00 lakh hectares.

Wheat dominance (2015-16): the state's prominence in wheat grew, achieving 176.887 lakh tonnes in 2015-16, surpassing previous records. The krishi karman award continued in 2015-16 with 179.393 lakh tonnes, and farm power increased from 1.85 to 2.06 kw/ha.

Pulses and tech integration (2017-18): madhya pradesh excelled in pulses, securing the award with a production of 81.116 lakh tonnes. Online direct benefit transfer (dbt) showcased technological prowess and commitment to efficient farming practices.

Madhya Pradesh's food industry expanding with 1,772 micro businesses

A surge of 1,772 micro food processing enterprises is reshaping madhya pradesh's culinary scene, backed by loans from the pradhan mantri formalization of micro food processing enterprises scheme. Gwalior leads with 116 establishments, promoting economic growth and innovation



Culinary transformation is underway in madhya pradesh, where 1,772 micro food processing enterprises have secured funding through the pradhan mantri formalization of micro food processing enterprises scheme. This initiative aims to boost economic growth and entrepreneurship, reshaping the state's gastronomic landscape.

Emerging frontiers

Gwalior takes the lead, set to host 116 of these visionary ventures. Khargone follows closely with 100 enterprises. Rewa, balaghat, tikamgarh, and hoshangabad are also poised for significant culinary transformations, with 47, 23, 27, and 22 enterprises, respectively.

Seizing opportunity

From 10,664 aspiring entrepreneurs, 1,772 eligible loan recipients have been identified, with more applications under review. Chief minister shivraj singh chouhan encourages seizing this growth opportunity.

Collaborative growth

The ministry of food processing industries and state government spearhead the scheme, aiding food processors with expertise, training, and funding. Enterprises can access a 35% credit-linked subsidy capped at rs. 10 lakh. Inclusively, self-help groups receive working capital, favouring "One-district, one-product" aligned businesses.

Culinary ingenuity and economic progress

Intrinsically tied to economic growth, innovation, and women empowerment, madhya pradesh's micro food processing enterprises are scripting a compelling narrative of progress and culinary ingenuity. The journey has just begun, promising a tapestry of flavours and opportunities for the state and its enterprising individuals.

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Success story: betul's jamuna self-help group

Betul district's jamuna self-help group shines as a success story. Training led to mango pickle creation, expanding to organic pesticides. Income surged from rs. 1000 to rs 10,000, with recognition from agricultural institutions, including lakshmi parate's utrusht mahila samman and manta dhurve's best woman farmer award.

HORTICULTURE CROP AREA INCREASES TO 25.40 LAKH HECTARES; PRODUCTION REACHES 377.67 LMT

Agricultural transformation is making waves across madhya pradesh as horticulture experiences a renaissance, propelled by state-driven efforts. An impressive surge in cultivation and output reflects the pioneering achievements of madhya pradesh in the horticulture sector

In a remarkable response to the government's endeavours to boost horticulture crops, farmers have wholeheartedly embraced the vision, resulting in a substantial increase in horticulture crop cultivation. The horticulture crop area has expanded from a modest 4.67 lakh hectares in 2003 to an impressive 25.40 lakh hectares at present. Furthermore, the production of horticulture crops has soared to an astounding 377.67 lakh metric tons from a previous 35.40 lakh metric tons, signifying an impressive growth of 942.66%. In comparison, the national increase in production stands at 115.94%. Agricultural practices in the region have witnessed a manifold increase in the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers, and medicinal plants. Demon-

strating its prowess, madhya pradesh has claimed the top position.

Madhya pradesh, famed for food grains, now thrives in horticulture due to smart policies and incentives. It promotes diversification, tech adoption, quality planting, sorting, and packaging. Fruit and vegetable production surged, with plans for protection, mechanization, and training. The goal is year-round flower and vegetable production using modern techniques. Key fruits in the state include guava, mango, banana, and orange.

Blossoming Spice Industry

In the years 2020-2021, the total area dedicated to spice cultivation stood at 8.24 lakh



hectares, yielding a production of 46.75 lakh metric tons. This footprint expanded to 8.57 lakh hectares in 2021-2022, yielding a robust production of 50.90 lakh metric tons. Noteworthy spices such as red chilli, garlic, coriander, and ginger have emerged as major contributors. Impressively, the average production of red chilli over the past five years stands at 2.59 lakh metric tons, exhibiting an average annual growth rate of 10.4%. Likewise, the five-year aver-

NATIONWIDE RANKING		CROPS
1st		Orange, coriander, spices, medicinal and aromatic plants
2nd		Tomato, garlic, green peas, guava, green cauliflower, chilli and onion
3rd		Lemon, red chilli, cabbage and flowers

age production for ginger and garlic amounts to 4.45 lakh metric tons and 19.28 lakh metric tons, respectively, showcasing average annual growth rates of 8.2% and 3.4% over this period.

The national horticulture mission is playing a pivotal role by providing a 50% subsidy for the protected cultivation of horticultural crops, coupled with insurance coverage. The scheme sets stringent construction criteria for greenhouses, plastic mulching, and other advanced techniques.

Fruitful Plantation Endeavours

To incentivise fruit cultivation, the state government extends a grant of 40% for three years in a 60:20:20 ratio to farmers who undertake the planting of fruits such as mangoes, guavas, and pomegranates. Under the reo fruit plants initiative, the government offers further support. The administration has also unveiled plans to establish a minimum support price for 12 vegetables, alongside introducing schemes for crop diversification and high-density plantation.

As of the fiscal year 2021-22, an expenditure of rs. 344.50 lakh has been incurred for the plantation of 679.94 hectares against an allocation of rs. 463.74 lakh. In

the subsequent financial year, rs. 187.04 lakh has been utilised against an allocation of rs. 500 lakh for plantation in 262.73 hectares.

The centre's spice area expansion scheme seeks to foster the cultivation of spices like ginger, turmeric, nutmeg, and clove. Through the spice sector extension scheme, farmers are eligible for a 50% grant or a maximum of rs. 10,000, and for sts and scs, rs. 14,000 per hectare, whichever is lower.

Under the scheme, a remarkable expansion of 49.75 hectares has been achieved in 2021-22, with a target of 51 hectares set for expansion. As of december 2022, rs. 35.54 lakh has been invested in expanding an area of approximately 3.94 hectares, against an allotment of rs. 1 crore.